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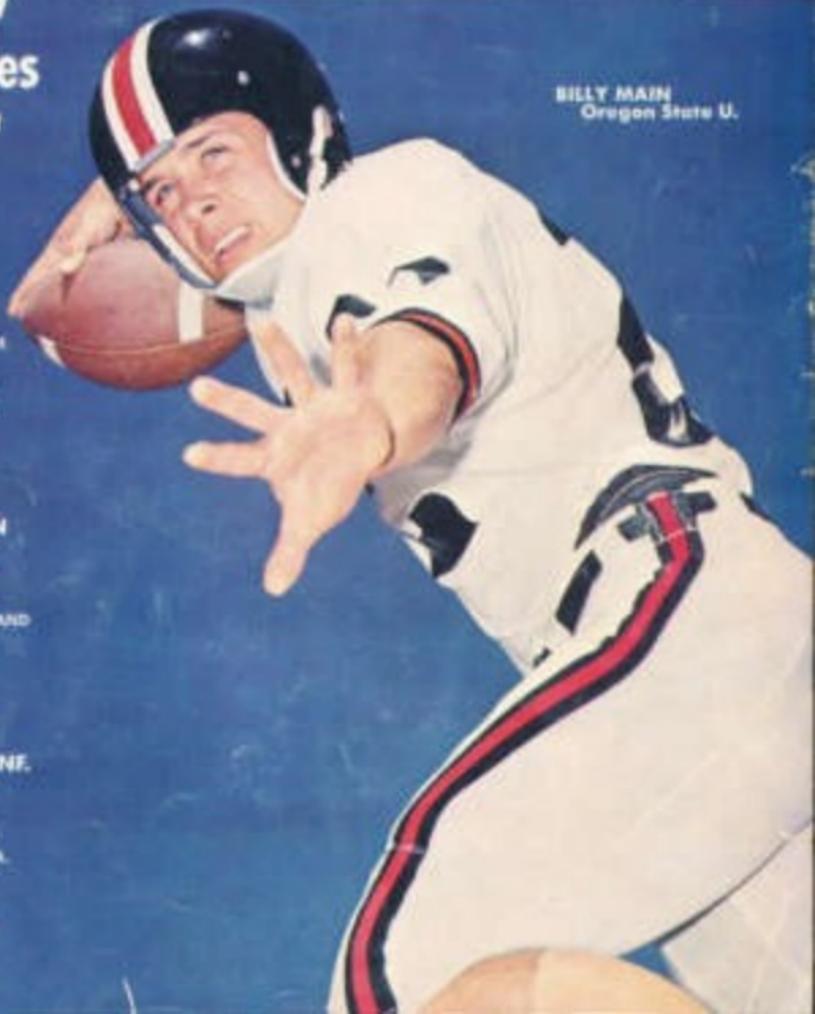
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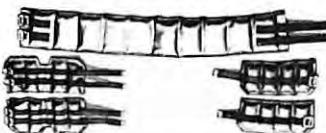
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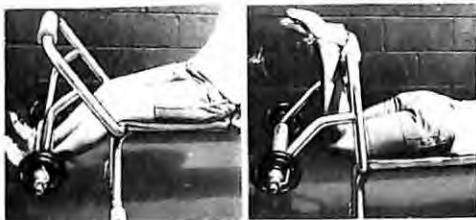
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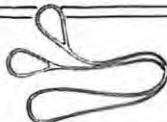


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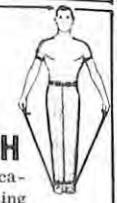


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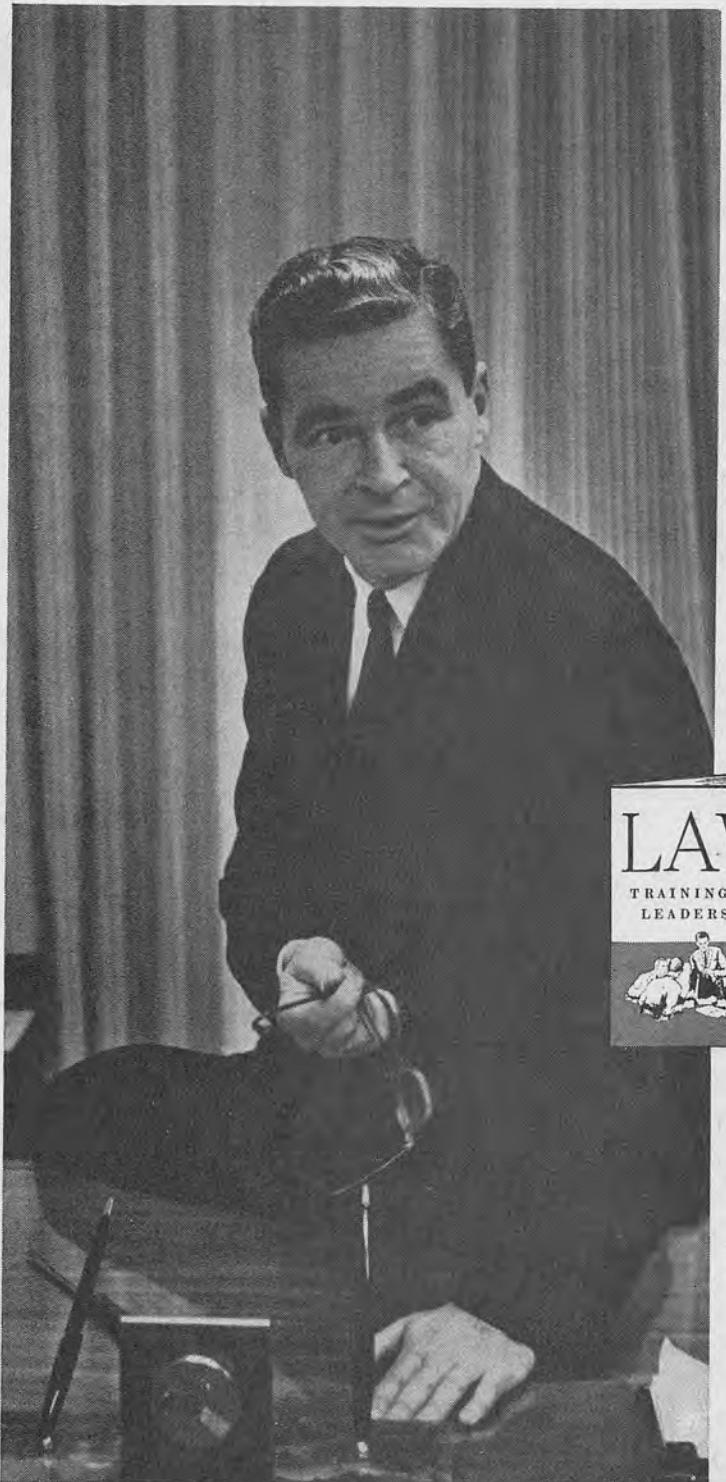
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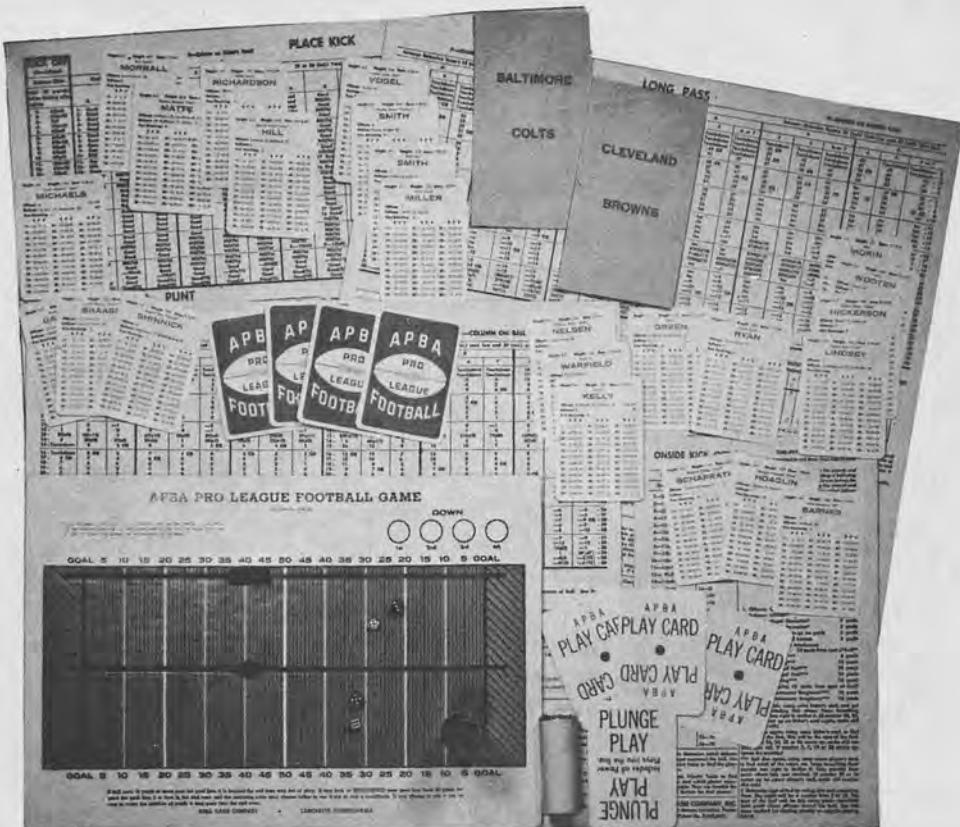
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An unbeaten string of 14, the national, Big Ten and Rose Bowl championships are among the credentials a versatile, veteran array of Buckeyes present in their bid to stay on top and coach Woody Hayes has high hope and confidence that his Ohio State charges will make it. Rex Kern aims for All-America recognition as top man of a quarterback trio and candidates for national honors are sprinkled throughout the offensive and defensive units.

Arkansas has aerial ace Bill Montgomery back at the controls and a band of veteran talent poised for national TV exposure (Dec. 6 at Fayetteville, Ark.) on the way to a Southwest Conference title and an encore bowl appearance.

In the Big Eight, Missouri's Tigers are on the prowl, with the offensive unit that wrecked Alabama in the Gator Bowl back stalking the league title and national ranking. Georgia's Bulldogs figure to hang on among the elite with Mike Cavan pitching to a strong corps of receivers from behind a big and rugged offensive line and abetted by a potent rushing game.

QUARTERBACKS

ANDERSON, BOB	Colorado
CAPPLEMAN, BILL	Florida State
GONSO, HARRY	Indiana
HART, LEO	Duke
KERN, REX	Ohio State
MONTGOMERY, BILL	Arkansas
PHARR, TOMMY	Mississippi State
PHIPPS, MIKE	Purdue
PLUNKETT, JIM	Stanford
STREET, JAMES	Texas
TRIPPLETT, BILL	Michigan State

BACKS

ARMSTRONG, WILL	Grambling
BLANKS, HARVEY	Washington
CANNON, GLENN	Mississippi
HATLEY, DAVE	Alcorn A&M
LOVE, TOMMY	Michigan State
MAYER, BARRY	Minnesota
McCLINTON, BUDDY	Auburn
OWENS, STEVE	Oklahoma
PITTMAN, CHARLEY	Penn State
STAGGERS, JOHN	Missouri
STAWARZ, TONY	Miami
STEGENT, LARRY	Texas A&M
TANNER, STEVE	Florida
TATUM, JACK	Ohio State
WADE, TOMMY	Alabama
WEIDMANN, KEN	California

FULLBACKS

BOWEN, BO	Mississippi
CARTER, JIM	Minnesota
KEMP, BRUCE	Georgia
MALONE, ART	Arizona State
NEWTON, AL	Syracuse
RIGGINS, JOHN	Kansas
SULLIVAN, TIM	Iowa

1. Ohio State	6. Michigan St.	11. Houston
2. Arkansas	7. Texas	12. North Carolina St.
3. Missouri	8. So. California	13. Air Force Academy
4. Georgia	9. Wyoming	14. Notre Dame
5. Penn St.	10. Florida St.	15. Tennessee

NATION'S TOP 15

Penn State is fielding a powerful veteran outfit in its bid to remain No. 1 in the East. Michigan State, spurred by Rose Bowl visions, holds the edge in the battle for runnerup in the Big Ten with a vet brigade operating coach Duffy Daugherty's triple option offense under the capable guidance of Bill Triplett and a powerful defense.

Texas again mounts a strong attack and presents the main stumbling block to Arkansas in the Southwest. Southern California bids for a precedent-shattering fourth straight Rose Bowl bid with an entirely new starting backfield—but the talent is fiery and capable all along the line and it is a rebuilding year throughout the Pacific Coast Conference. Wyoming, with 30 lettermen, seeks a fourth straight WAC title. Florida State and Houston rank tops among independent powers. North Carolina State packs a solid wallop in its bid to keep the Atlantic Coast crown. Air Force, if not shot down by a murderous schedule, can rank with the best. Notre Dame and Tennessee are rebuilding but always command respect.

ALL AMERICA CANDIDATES

(Listed Alphabetically)

GUARDS

BRIDGES, BILLY	Houston
CRENNEL, CARL	West Virginia
CROMIER, RUFUS	Southern Methodist
DINARDO, LARRY	Notre Dame
GREER, STEVE	Georgia
LITTLE, JOHN	Oklahoma State
MESKIMEN, JOHN	Iowa
SAMPLES, ALVIN	Alabama
VITUNIC, JOE	Georgia Tech

TACKLES

ASHER, BOB	Vanderbilt
BEVAN, GEORGE	Louisiana State
BROOKS, LEO	Texas
CAMPBELL, DAVE	Auburn
CAMPENTER, RON	North Carolina St.
EPPING, ED	Air Force Academy
HERARD, CLAUDE	Mississippi
MACKLIN, REX	Arizona
McCoy, MIKE	Notre Dame
NELS, LARRY	Wyoming
REESE, FLOYD	U.C.L.A.
REID, MIKE	Penn State
ROBINSON, JOHN	Vanderbilt
STEVENS, RICHARD	Baylor
WALLACE, ROCKY	Missouri
WARD, JOHN	Oklahoma State
WHITE, RAY	Syracuse

LINEBACKERS

ANDERSON, JOHN	Louisiana State
AUGUSTINE, IRBY	California
BIDDLE, DICK	Duke
HICKS, EMERY	Kansas
KINER, STEVE	Tennessee
KOLEN, MIKE	Auburn
OLSON, BOB	Notre Dame
ONKOTZ, DENNIS	Penn State
PARISH, DON	Stanford
WIDGER, MIKE	Virginia Tech

CENTERS

BRAND, ROD	Arkansas
JOSEPH, GEORGE	Pennsylvania
KELL, CHIP	Tennessee
LYONS, TOMMY	Georgia
MENDENHALL, KEN	Oklahoma

ENDS

BUCHER, JADE	Indiana
CAMPBELL, RICHARD	Texas Tech
CHESTER, RAY	Morgan State
CREMA, DAVE	Washington State
DAVIS, LARRY	Rice
DeLONG, KENNY	Tennessee
DICUS, CHUCK	Arkansas
GARDIN, RON	Arizona
GUBITOSA, LOU	Syracuse
GUNN, JIMMY	Southern California
HENDREN, JERRY	Idaho
HUBER, MONTE	Colorado
HUGHES, DENNIS	Georgia
MANDICH, JIM	Michigan
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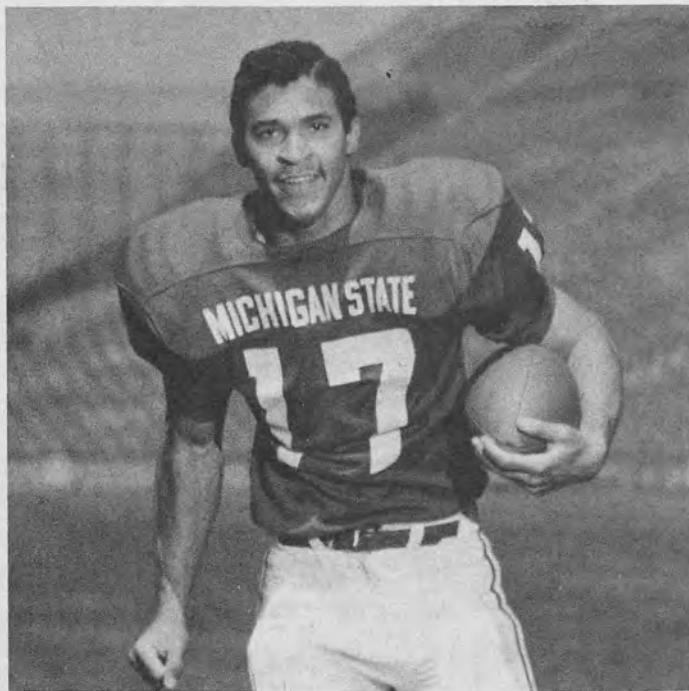
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JOHN TATUM, vet Buckeye cornerback carries stamp of All-America excellence.

REX KERN (left) gets pass off against Northwestern on road to Big Ten and national title and MVP role for Ohio State in the Rose Bowl.



VENO PARASKEVAS, stellar Purdue linebacker averaged 14 defensive tackles.

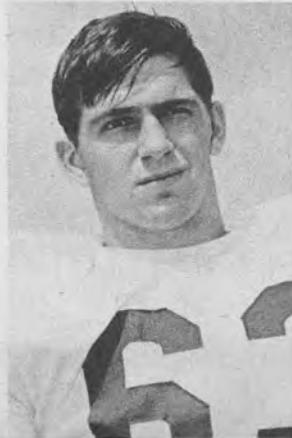
MIKE PHIPPS (right) has a 2-year passing mark of .500 as Purdue's quarterback.



SCENTING ROSES, Spartan quarterback BILL TRIPLETT (above) and offensive tackle CRAIG WYCINSKY are part of outfit with depth and class on attack. Bill rushed for 452 yards and six touchdowns and hit on 47 passes for 714 yards and four scores.

HARRY GONSO (right), now a senior, is rewriting Indiana QB record book.

DON DeSALLE, strong and agile 225-pounder, ranks with best as Hoosier guard.





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Mid-West

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PREDICTIONS

Big Ten

1. Ohio State	6. Minnesota
2. Michigan State	7. Iowa
3. Indiana	8. Illinois
4. Purdue	9. Northwestern
5. Michigan	10. Wisconsin

Independents

1. Notre Dame	4. Northern Illinois
2. Dayton	5. Southern Illinois
3. Xavier	6. Akron

Mid-American

1. Ohio Univ.	5. Western Michigan
2. Miami	6. Kent State
3. Bowling Green	7. Marshall
4. Toledo	

Ohio Conference

1. Ohio Wesleyan	8. Denison
2. Wittenberg	9. Mt. Union
3. Muskingum	10. Otterbein
4. Capital	11. Oberlin
5. Wooster	12. Kenyon
6. Baldwin-Wallace	13. Heidelberg
7. Marietta	14. Hiram

History is forbidding.

Not since 1955-56 has a team (Oklahoma) swept successive clear-cut National Championship "elections" and only five previous champions repeated (Notre Dame 1946-47; Army 1944-45; Minnesota 1940-41; Michigan 1932-33; Notre Dame 1929-30).

Not since 1947-48 has a Big 10 team (Michigan) coupled two unbeaten seasons and only one other did it in the "modern era" (Minnesota, 1940-41).

Ohio State, 1969, will labor under all the residual pressures of last year's glorious achievements: Defending National Champions; defending Big 10 champions; overwhelming favorite to repeat; 14-game winning streak; frenzied opponents every Saturday; no Rose Bowl incentive.

"There are going to be a lot of good teams in the country and a lot of good ones in our own league," ponders Big 10 coaching "Dean" Woody Hayes. "They'll be gunning for us. They could make their seasons by knocking us off."

Obviously, repeating 10-0 in present accellerated

college football is no ordinary achievement. But military buff Hayes charges into this 18th seasonal battle with enough weapons to make winning the war a probability.

The question around the Big 10 is "Who finishes second and gets the Rose Bowl bid?" Which represents unanimity of choice, but gross oversimplification in a game so unpredictable—and so precariously balanced on vulnerable ankles, knees and shoulders, not to mention untested sophomores.

Hayes had always been partial to his 1954 unbeaten National Champions, but he hailed the young and dashing 1968 Bucks as his best-ever, after they humiliated arch-rival Michigan, 50-14, in the Big 10 championship playoff and spotted Southern Cal 10 points before rallying for a 27-16 win in the Rose Bowl National Championship showdown.

"We could be as good or better," Hayes concedes of 1969. "We've got the potential. It all depends on the desire. We can be a good, mature football team."

Ohio State does have the potential—18 Michigan and Rose Bowl-game starters, 13 of them only juniors; 11 others who started at least one game during the unbeaten season; and a dozen quality sophomores—including the fastest man ever to tread OSU cleats.

Besides its obvious significance, this preponderance of talent should constitute an antidote for always-feared complacency. If any regular relaxes, some eager rival will grab his job.

Few of Hayes teams have been guilty of resting on their laurels and his oft-repeated explanation is: "They've got a mean old coach." He's intolerant of anything but maximum effort and isn't inclined to hold that impatience within himself.

The "sizzling sophomores" arrived earlier than even Hayes expected last year and Ohio State became one of the most exciting, efficient and resourceful of Big 10 champions. Reasonable expectation would be an improved performance in 1969.

Rex Kern, the collegiate Fran Tarkenton, and Jack Tatum, scourge of enemy quarterbacks and ball-carriers, have to be two of the year's hottest All-America prospects.

Quarterback Kern, "Most Valuable Player" in the Rose Bowl, will be part of an entirely-veteran offensive unit that also includes vastly-talented half-back Larry Zelina, the school's all-time TD champ, fullback Jim Otis, and powerful tight end Jan White.

All-Americas and first-round pro picks Dave Foley and Rufus Mayes won't be duplicated at the tackles, but the position will be adequately filled.

Cornerback Tatum is one of three potential All-Americans on the all-letterman defensive unit.

With Ohio State home-bound by the Big 10's no-repeat rule, the Rose Bowl Derby is wide open, with Michigan State, Indiana and Purdue as the most likely to succeed; Michigan and Minnesota as potential challengers; Iowa (an enigma because of its spring racial problem) a long shot and Illinois, Northwestern and Wisconsin out of contention, though improved.

Notre Dame may stay in the "Top 20" this fall, but Ara Parseghian (40-7-3) will have to resolve successfully his most serious rebuilding problem since arriving in South Bend. Nine offensive starters graduated, including three All-Americans.

Fortunately for the Irish, slender Joe Theismann gained experience at quarterback in the last three games of 1968 and the sophomore class may contribute some backfield power.

Tackle Mike McCoy and linebacker Bob Olson, another pair of sure All-America candidates, are mainstays of an established defensive unit that may have to stand off the enemy until the offense arrives with reinforcements.

"We definitely should be an improved team," contends always-optimistic Duffy Daugherty, whose Michigan Staters lost to Ohio State by five points, Indiana two and Minnesota one—and were one of the Big 10's youngest teams.

Bill Triplett, a standout even among the Big 10's amazing collection of dazzling 1968 sophomore quarterbacks, should be more effective in Daugherty's version of the new "triple option" offense and will have depth and class in running backs around him, particularly Tommy Love and break-way rookie, Eric Allen.

Defense could be the Spartans' vulnerable spot, especially if, as feared, Rich Saul's knee prevents him from any more linebacking.

Johnny Pont promised his Indiana sophomores in the Rose Bowl dressing room in 1968 (Jan. 1) that they'd be coming back in two years. He has a chance to see that promise fulfilled this fall, because the key talents of that team are still around and augmented by two crops of better-than-average quality.

Harry Gonso must be included in any list of All-America quarterback possibilities and halfback John Isenbarger and flanker Jade Butcher are equally noteworthy at their positions.

Indiana had the greatest offensive team in its history last year and returns 9 of 11 starters. It could be better. Also, the Hoosiers don't play Ohio State or Michigan, a schedule break.

This will be the first time in three years Jack Mollenkopf has had to get along without Leroy Keyes, whose offensive and defensive contribution had much to do with Purdue's 24-6-1 record.

The Boilermakers still have Mike Phipps, Rose Bowl star (of 1967) who may be the best passing quarterback in the country and a high pro choice. Whether he'll have catchers or runners to generate enough offense is the question, especially with a green line.

But Mollenkopf still has more big linemen

around than anybody and two of the best defensive backs in the country, Don Webster and Tim Foley.

Michigan's new head coach, Bo Schembechler, played for Hayes at Miami and assisted him at Ohio State, before moving to Miami. He operates with the same intensity and drive as the old master. But the Wolverines lost their All-Big 10 greats, Dennis Brown and Ron Johnson, and a new staff and system need a break-in period. End Jim Mandich is a super player and last year's surprise runners-up could figure again.

Iowa had 34 lettermen returning, most in the school's history, and most of its starters. Ray Nagel said "with a break here and there we could challenge for the championship" and he might have been conservative.

But 16 black athletes, including five defensive regulars, the probable starting tailback and a number figured to give the Hawks solid depth spurned spring practice and were dropped from the roster. If they're back in uniform in the fall and harmony prevails, Nagel's original estimate will hold. If they're still out, it obviously will diminish Iowa's chances.

Last year, Iowa out-offensed even Ohio State and retains much of that firepower, including quarterback Ted Lawrence, another of 1968's Big 10 first-year quarterback sensations, and fullback Tim Sullivan. The defense was far too generous and must still be considered a question.

Minnesota's Murray Warmath has to rebuild both lines, but he has a tremendous running combination in Barry Mayer and Jim Carter and should be able to score. "We haven't been this good with runners in some time," admits the inevitably-guarded Warmath. However, the Gophers may have their problems on defense, although there are a number of big, strong young men available, as always.

Illinois' Jim Valek has the best sophomores in his three years, including Ted Singleton, a fullback who could be in the Bill Brown-Jim Grabowski-Rich Johnson tradition. But the Illini are still too young and thin to figure in the Big 10 race.

Sophomores will be prominent in Alex Agase's plans at Northwestern, too, but he does have established class at quarterback in Dave Shelbourne. The schedule is as killing as ever and the Wildcats will suffer from their usual lack of depth.

Troubled Wisconsin is trying to shake the losing habit (a tie and 19 defeats in the last two years), but John Coatta has only 10 regulars and even some good sophomores probably can't lift fortunes much.

Ohio U., 20th in last year's National polls, and Miami dominate the Mid-American Conference, with Bowling Green a solid third, Toledo an outside contender and Western Michigan, Kent State and Marshall completing the standings. The league should be slightly stronger over-all.

Bill Hess' Bobcats have a battery that could compete in any league in quarterback Cleve Bryant and end Todd Snyder. Hess claims Bryant is the "best running quarterback in the country."

Miami's new head coach, Bill Mallory, inherited 10 offensive starters from last year's MAC No. 2

team and six members of the NCAA's No. 4 defensive unit.

Schembechler, who moved from Miami to Michigan; Mallory; Irv Etler of Xavier; Doc Urich of Northern Illinois and Dave Maurer of Wittenberg are the new coaches in the Mid-West this year.

Incidentally, the Big 10 proves coaching is not necessarily a young man's game. Hayes is 56 and going into year No. 19; Warmath 55 and 15; Daugherty 53 and 15; Mollenkopf 63 and 13.

The Big 10 pulled itself up to .500 against outside opposition and looms stronger in 1969. The Mid-West in general staged an upsurge, with OSU No. 1; Notre Dame No. 5; Purdue No. 10; Michigan No. 12 and Ohio U. No. 20.

All-America candidates abound in this section: Kern (QB), Tatum (CB), Adams (LB), Stillwagon (MG), Provost (DHB), White (TE), Ohio State; Dinardo (G), McCoy (T), Olson (LB), Notre Dame; Triplett (QB), Love (HB), Forman (E), Michigan State; Gonso (QB), Isenbarger (HB), Butcher (FL), Indiana; Phipps (QB), Foley (DB), Webster (DB), Purdue; Mandich (E), Curtis (DB), Hill (MG), Michigan; Carter (FB), Mayer (HB), Minnesota; Sullivan (FB), Meskem-in (G), Ely (LB), Iowa; Bryant (QB), Snyder (E), Ohio U.; Arthur (E), Miami.

Figures in parentheses are 1968 all-games and, league records.

LEGEND: Y-Yards Gained; C-Pass Completions; R-Pass Receptions; TD-Touchdowns.

BIG TEN

OHIO STATE (10-0, 7-0) — The Buckeyes' 1968 springboard was a 13-0 win over Purdue in a classic defensive struggle. From there, they got better by the week—and younger, as more and more sophomores broke in. By the finish, they'd shattered the school's ground-gaining record (with 4,402 yards) and come within 14 points of the scoring mark. It was a team of enormous ability, versatility, depth, speed and spirit.

Woody Hayes (150-52-7) said after spring practice: "It's obvious we have more depth, in the line as well as the backfield." And the Bucks figured to be deep with no rookie help, because: Graduates accounted for only 40 of the 2,018 rushing yards; 25 of the 1,384 passing yards and 42 of the 1,384 receiving yards, not to mention 50 of the 323 points.

Ramblin' Rex Kern, (6, 185) has everything a quarterback needs, including fiery, perceptive leadership, and has it in abundance. Few Buckeyes have come to the varsity more highly-publicized and he delivered—75 of 131 passes (.572) for 972 yards and 7 TD's; 534 net yards on 131 rushes (4.1 av) and 8 TD's.

A back operation kept Kern out of contact work until the week before the opening game and, good as he was, he probably didn't attain his peak. The lack of summer conditioning also made him injury-prone. He missed one game and parts of four others. He underwent shoulder surgery in the spring, but should be 100 per cent.

Hayes came up with a super-sub in Ron Maciej-

owski (6-2, 186), another sophomore, who kept the Buckeye attack rolling with equal momentum. He hit 25 of 42 (.595) for 387 yards and 3 TD's and ran 43 times for 192 (4.5 av).

Kern and Maciejowski must be the best 1-2 punch anywhere and Hayes has a third outstanding prospect in soph Don Lamka, a hard-running 190-pounder who was the standout of spring practice. He might be switched to linebacker—because he's too good an athlete to sit on the bench behind Kern and Maciejowski.

The running back corps is equally imposing, with sophomore Tom Campana (5-11, 185) a flashy addition to the six major returnees.

Two-year-regular fullback Jim Otis (6, 208), who gained 985 yards (4.5 av) and scored 17 TD's, probably will be alternated with speedy John Brockington (6-1, 216), whose sophomore season was plagued by an ankle injury (187 yards, 4.1 av). Switched from half to full, Brockington had a great spring practice. Last year's top frosh, Ken Luttner (6-2, 203) was moved to defensive end.

Senior Dave Brungard (5-10, 184) reclaimed starting tailback status in the spring from Leo Hayden (6-2, 206), leading ground-gainer in the Rose Bowl. Brungard (261 yards), a clever runner, and Hayden, (284 yards, 4.6 av), more the crashing type, both have excellent speed.

Larry Zelina (6, 197) is one of the finest all-around backs the Bucks have had in years. A gliding runner with good speed and a bewildering knack of skirting sidelines, he rushed for 338 yards from right half and caught 18 passes for 327. Ray Gillian (5-11, 194) was one of the most-improved backs last year (125 yards, 6.6 av) and proved in the Rose Bowl he could adequately replace Zelina.

Campana, a sure-handed All-Ohio high schooler, will be the third man at both halves.

Tight end Jan White (6-2, 216), on his way to All-America consideration (21 catches for 283 yards) and swift Bruce Jankowski (5-11, 192), leading receiver with 31 for 328, return, along with another junior, Dick Kuhn (6-2, 205), who virtually alternated with White. Sophomores Jimmie Lee Harris (5-11, 180) is the fastest-ever Buckeye gridder (9.4) and soph Dick Wakefield (6-4, 190) could be challengers for starting consideration.

The interior line has been rebuilt.

Brian Donovan (6-3, 207), quickest of the linemen, switched to center, backed by one of the top sophomores, Tom DeLeone (6-2, 212). Alan Jack (6, 215) and Tom Backhus (5-11, 207), starters part of last year, take over at guard, with support from junior Ted Kurz (6-2, 222) and soph Steve Betz (6-2, 225).

All-Americans Dave Foley and Rufus Mayes have been replaced at the tackles by senior Chuck Hutchison (6-3, 246), solid first-line reserve for two years, and junior Dave Cheney (6-3, 227), who was voted "Most-Improved" in spring practice. Support comes from junior Randy Hart (6-2, 224), soph Rick Simon (6-2, 225) and converted fullback Paul Huff (6-3, 250). Huff picked up his new duties amazingly well in the spring.

The defense, with 10 of 11 regulars, should be

better, if linebacker Mark Stier is adequately replaced.

Jack Tatum (6, 202) is to the defense what Kern is to the offense—a spectacular, talented super-player. He's rugged, cagy and has so much speed he can recover from blocks or overplays to catch enemy runners from behind—as he did last year. Opposing coaches pay him the compliment normally accorded All-Americas: They direct their offense away from Tatum.

Middle guard Jim Stillwagon (6, 216) and linebacker Doug Adams (6, 214), are in the same class at their positions and the defensive backfield as a unit, Tatum, Ted Provost, Tim Anderson, Mike Sensibaugh and utility Mike Polaski, is the best Ohio State has had in many seasons.

Dave Whitfield (6, 185) and Mark Debevc (6-1, 206) return at ends, backed by Lutner and junior Tom Ecrement (6, 192) and starters Brad Nielsen (6-3, 220) and Paul Schmidlin (6-1, 224) and part-time regular Bill Urbanik (6-3, 221) comprise tackle strength.

Strickland (6-1, 215) moved from offensive guard to linebacker in the spring and looked like the answer to that problem, with Soph Stan White (6-1, 210) also a possibility.

MICHIGAN STATE (5-5, 2-5)—Duffy Daugherty has 32 lettermen, 14 of them regulars, from a team many considered better than its .500 record, plus a sophomore class he says "contains some high quality players."

The offense could become considerably more potent, especially if the Spartans master Daugherty's version of the "triple option", while the defense could retain its No. 2 rank in the Big 10.

Daugherty used an alternate backfield system in the spring, one big and powerful, the other smaller and faster. He isn't committed to it for the fall, but it hints at backfield depth of talent.

Bill Triplett (6-1, 176) took over at quarterback in mid-season and proved a budding star. He's a quick, effective runner—452 yards, not counting pass-play losses—and completed 52 per cent of his passes—47 of 90 for 714 yards.

Daugherty, in fact, makes the sweeping claim: "I don't think there's a better college running quarterback in the country."

Triplett engineered both backfields in spring practice, attesting to his importance in the Spartans' offense. It also might suggest lack of depth at the position, although sophomores Steve Piro (6-2, 178) and Dan Werner (6-4, 185) were listed among newcomers who could help.

Tommy Love (5-11, 194) led MSU ground-gainers with 729 yards (4.1 av.) and was easily one of the league's best sophomore runners. He has speed, but is more a crashing, slashing runner. The other halfback in the big backfield is Don Highsmith, last year's No. 2 rusher with 396 yards.

This unit's fullback is Gary Parmentier (6-1, 215), who played rover on defense last season, but who was a high school All-State fullback. His blocking and plunging ability are still there.

Big boost for the offense can be sophomore Eric

Allen (5-11, 170) probably the Spartans' most explosive back in a long while. His swift, quick-change running earned him the high school nickname "The Flea" and his long jaunts in spring scrimmages reminded sideliners of Sherman Lewis, whose number (20) he'll wear.

Lewis, MSU's great little break-away back of the 1950's, joined the coaching staff last spring.

Earl Anderson (5-9, 198) and Kermitt Smith (6, 200) complete the alternate backfield. Anderson averaged 4.4 on 41 carries last fall. Smith is a hard-running two-year letterman who appears to like the new offense.

Daugherty's No. 1 receiver, Frank Forman, (6-1, 200) has been switched to split end. He has the speed for it and proved his catching knack with 29 for 456 yards.

Senior Bruce Kulesza (6-2, 202) filled the tight end job in the spring, but he'll have to sparkle to stay ahead of two big mobile, super-sophs, Jim Nicholson and Gary VanElst.

Nicholson (6-7, 260) was such a great high school athlete in Hawaii Daugherty made a trip to Honolulu to sign him to a tender. VanElst (6-4, 255) was an All-Stater in football and state shot put champ in high school. One of them will wind up with the defense as either a tackle or guard.

The offensive line is set with experienced hands at all but center, where non-lettering reserve Tom Beard (6-6, 237), a junior, will take over. Ron Baird (5-9, 204), Ron Saul (6-2, 231), Dave VanElst (6-1, 212) and Craig Wycinsky (6-2, 214) were regulars. Identical twins, Doug and Gary Halliday (6-2, 215) are among top sophomores. They're guards.

Another center candidate may be Rich Saul (6-3, 221), last year's leading tackler who's been slow recovering from knee surgery. He seemed headed for All-America as a linebacker until injured.

The Spartans' defense gave up only one more point than champion Ohio State and only a few more yards average per game. It handled rushing especially well and figures even stronger this season.

Wilt Martin (6-1, 217) and Gary Nowack (6-4, 228), last year's sophomore starters, will be rugged ends, with regulars Ron Curl (6, 225) and Bill Dawson (6-1, 236) on the interior line. Rick Benedict (6-2, 214), Ron Joseph (6-2, 255), Ken Little (6-3, 208) and Jack Zindel (5-10, 210), all lettermen, represent solid backing.

Gary VanElst (6-4, 255), another imposing soph, probably will work into a starting line job.

Even without Saul, the linebacking corps is impressive. Don Law (5-11, 225) and Mike Hogan (6-3, 222) finished the season as regulars and standouts. Frank Taylor (6-3, 225), who played extensively two years ago, has returned to bolster the position.

Two of the most promising rookies also are linebackers, Bob Walerowicz (6-3, 205) and Dan Kulikowski (6-1, 210).

The entire defensive backfield will be new, although Jay Breslin played almost as much as the regulars last fall and Clifton Hardy and Harold Phillips lettered. Sophs Henry Matthews and Brad McLee figure in the secondary rebuilding.

Michigan State was plagued last year by an old ailment—careless ball-handling. It lost 21 to the enemy and some of them at critical times.

INDIANA (6-4, 4-3)—John Pont thinks he has a contender and with sufficient reason. Last year's Hoosier offense shattered eight school records, including total yards (3,850), and individual stars accounted for four career, two season and two one-game all-time marks.

Nine of the 11 return, including the three All-America prospects, quarterback Harry Gonso, half-back John Isenbarger and flanker Jade Butcher, and the talent pool will be further stepped by sophomores. Returnees gained 2,347 of the 2,370 rushing yards, 1,427 of 1,480 passing and 31 of 35 TD's.

Gonso (5-11, 190) looking to a big final season, already holds IU's career records of 21 TD passes, 625 plays and 2,878 yards. He had a better year passing (76 of 163 for 1,109 and 12 TD's) than running (151 for 323 yards and 4 TD's), but not from any loss of ability.

Pont contends Gonso has to be "one of the best quarterbacks in America" and the claim will not be disputed. He's a dashing, daring field leader whose versatility puts maximum pressure on the defense.

All of the quarterback reserves are available (Greg Brown, Mike Perry and George Wortley), but soph Mike Heizman may be No. 2.

Isenbarger (6-3, 200), equally-talented and exciting, missed half of last year because of injury, but still came within 87 yards (669) of the school rushing record—and did set a record with a 40.8 punting average.

A knee operation healed so fast Isenbarger got into half of spring practice and gave every indication he'll be his free-wheeling self again this fall.

Butcher (6-1, 195) had his best year with 44 catches for 713 yards and 10 TD's, latter giving him the IU record of 20. He's a fine blocker, in addition to having the speed, moves and great hands for a flanker.

Fourth backfield regular returning is fullback Hank Pogue, 6-1, 190-pounder who ran a 9.9 high school 100. He broke in with 44 carries for 206, but will be seriously challenged by three sophomores (all top Ohio high school products), Greg Harvey (6-2, 215), Roger Davidson (6-1, 199) and Rob Decker (6, 202). Junior Tom Fleming (187 yards) also must be considered.

Backfield depth at halfback could be overwhelming, too. Rick Thompson (5-11, 193), with a 9.8 to his credit, whizzed to 371 yards (4.8 av.) as one of two sophomore replacements for Isenbarger last fall. The other, Bob Pernell (5-11, 170) is a scholastic uncertainty (he gained 606 yards and averaged 6.2).

Two sophomores followed Isenbarger's path in the spring—from quarterback to halfback. John Motil (6, 195) was especially impressive and Gary Dagg (6-1, 190) showed promise. Both, like Isenbarger, make their running more effective with option throwing ability. Also, Gary Brown (5-10, 186)

a 9.7 runner, is back, after injury spoiled what promised to be a noteworthy '68 varsity debut.

The offensive line has five regulars, topped by guard Don DeSalle, (6-3, 222) and split end Eric Stolberg (6-2, 177), who caught 16 passes for 276 yards. Steve Applegate (5-10, 200) will be a two-year starter at center, with strong backing from soph Steve Helmich (6-2, 202).

With the return of E. G. White (6-1, 215), injured in the first game last season, Chris Morris (6-3, 207) switches to one open tackle spot and John Andrews (6-3, 203), a tackle last year, returns to his original tight end duties. Steve Brown (6-3, 220) moves up at tackle, with soph Tom Bove (6-3, 243) expected to play some.

Defense is Indiana's question mark, with only five regulars returning, but Pont felt much better about it after spring practice. As many as four top freshmen may start.

Strength is an all-veteran backfield and linebacking corps, although speedy rookies Steve Porter (6-1, 169) might take the safety job. Mike Baughman (6-3, 181) and Ben Norman (5-11, 185) are regulars, Mike Deal (6-3, 199), a letterman, returning in the deep spots.

Bob Nicholas (6, 203), Mike Adams (6, 195), Karl Pankratz (6, 212) and Don Silas (6-1, 215) represent an experienced and capable linebacking foursome and figure to get help from at least one of the soph fullbacks, maybe two.

Jerry Wiseman (6-2, 201) converted linebacker; letterman Clarence Price (6-2, 228) or soph Tom Kruyer (6-1, 215), loom as end starters, with soph Joe Pawlitsch (6-3, 218) almost sure at one tackle. Bill Wolfe (6-2, 218), two-year regular, is the other tackle, converted center, Bob Jones (6-2, 216), a probable No. 3.

The Hoosier defense should pick up extra strength later, because some of those now with the offense are too good to be bench-ridden as No. 3 or 4.

Larry Highbaugh, the 5-9, 160-pound man of many talents, also will be one of Indiana's major assets, but just where is still undetermined. He could be a flanker, running back or safety, but is sure to run back kickoffs (23 for 470 yards last fall) and punts. He's one of the Big 10's fastest sprinters in track.

One statistic doesn't favor the Hoosiers: They lost the ball 24 times on fumbles in '68.

PURDUE (8-2, 5-2)—If All-America Leroy Keyes had been the only graduation loss, Jack Mollenkopf could have taken it in stride. But the Boilermakers will be without seven and possibly eight other offensive starters, plus All-America middle guard Chuck Kyle.

Besides, Purdue's freshman team didn't win a game last fall.

But all is not that gloomy. Mollenkopf will start no more than one or two non-lettermen on offense and none on defense. The sophomore class will contribute six or eight standouts.

Offensive rebuilding starts with a tremendous plus in Mike Phipps (6-3, 206), a senior who has

completed .500 of his 412 passes in two years. He has the power arm and deft touch to launch any type of pass and can be a strong runner, although not a typical scrambler.

Phipps missed three games last fall with a severe ankle sprain, dropping off from his sophomore production of 2,020 yards and 11 TD's to 1,118 and 3 (88 completions of, 169 for 1,096 yards). But he looked like his old self in the spring and, of course, never looked anything but a heady field general anytime. He may be the best senior quarterback in the country.

Don Kiepert, Phipps' replacement for two years, will fill that role again. Jeff Jones, last year's highly-rated sophomore, has been switched to split end.

Keyes' station will be filled by John Bullock, 5-11, 209-pound speedster who also succeeded Keyes in the Newport News, Va. Carver H.S. backfield. The quick, compact Bullock averaged 5.4 on 49 rushes in limited game chances last year.

Jim Kirkpatrick, Purdue's No. 3 ground-gainer, is a scholastic uncertainty, but his return would be a notable bonus. Swift sophomore Sam Carter could play either offense or defense.

Flanker will be Stan Brown (5-11, 172), the Boilermakers' fastest. He's considered a receiver of great potential, although he has been injury-prone. Randy Cooper (6, 186 junior) will continue to play some flanker, as well as split end and defensive back, and Carter could fill in, too.

Graduation of Perry Williams, regular fullback for three years and All-Big 10 for two, is another massive blow to the offense. Non-lettering John Handy (6-3, 223), a linebacker last year, moves into Williams' place and is a power runner with some speed.

Mollenkopf is impressed with sophomore Dennis Bond, 6-foot, 190-pounder who reminds him of Michigan All-America of the 1940's Bob Westfall—quick, bouncy and tough to wrap up.

Pass receiving will be an even bigger question mark than the running. The first five graduated. Greg Fenner (6-5, 213) is the only lettering end available.

Fenner will be the split end and could become outstanding.

Ashley Bell (6-4, 218) is perhaps the best of the sophomores and will start at tight end. Charles Potts (6-3, 206) is another sophomore who could help and Mollenkopf was encouraged in the spring by Jones' adaptation to his new position. Jones (6-3, 208) is a fine athlete with speed, hands and quickness for the split end.

Paul DeNuccio (6-3, 240) is the only line regular returning, but a platoon of massive reserves and sophomores should add up to an impressive and probably efficient unit.

DeNuccio, assuming he's healed from knee surgery, and Donnie Green, (6-8, 275) figure as tackle starters, with sophomore Tom Luken (6-3, 231) as strong support.

Paul Baker (6-1, 245), also back after knee surgery, and soph Tim Huxhold (6-4, 217) lead the guards, with lettering Clinton Turner (6-4, 226) a starting possibility. Two-year reserve Walt White-

head, (6-1, 220) probably will get the center call over soph George Buchanan, (6, 217).

Purdue has eight defensive regulars, but yielded 334 yards and 16.7 points average last year.

It does have some outstanding personnel and tremendous size. Cornerback Tim Foley and half-back Don Webster are potential All-Americans in an experience-deep and tough secondary.

Dick Mahurt, Steve deGrandmaison, Mike Ray and Cooper are all proven defenders and sophomore Jim Renie rates high.

When Dick Marvel, Purdues' All-Big 10 linebacker, was hurt after three minutes of last year's opening game, rookie Veno Paraskevas (6, 210) was rushed into the lineup and finished second in total defensive plays. Marvel is back, after knee surgery, and the position will get backing from letterman Bob Brumby (6, 210) and sophomore Tony Hoyer (6-1, 217).

Billy McKoy (6-4, 232), second-team All-Big 10, and Dennis Wiegowski, (6-5, 249) resume at ends; All-Big 10 Bill Yanchar (6-3, 246) and Alex Davis (6-5, 265) at tackles. Ron Maree (6-6, 277) takes over at middle guard. Willie Nelson (6-3, 209), two-year letterman, is available if Wiegowski's knee surgery should be slow-healing.

MICHIGAN (8-2, 6-1) — Thirty-nine-year-old Bo Schembechler inherited 33 lettermen, including 14 regulars, from last year's Big 10 runner-up as basic material for his first season as Michigan's 13th head football coach.

But, it's not as solid as it sounds, because two of the departed regulars, Dennis Brown and Ron Johnson, accounted for 3,284 (1,777 and 1,507) of the Wolverines' 3,953 offensive yards.

Fortunately for Schembechler, his offensive system spreads backfield responsibility around and he does have potential standout replacements.

Don Moorhead, 6-3, 200-pound junior, has all the quarterbacking qualifications except experience. Brown so dominated the position last year the rookie showed only 25 passes thrown, 10 complete for 122 yards, and 16 rushes for 98 yards.

But he has good speed with his size and can run, a requirement in Schembechler's option-T, and a strong throwing arm. Jim Betz (6-4, 190) has essentially the same qualifications, but he's rusty after serving a sophomore term as a flanker.

Glenn Doughty, 6-2, 200-pound sophomore, could be the Wolverines' "find" at running back. He hasn't carried a football in a game, because he's been a defensive back and split end. But Schembechler thinks he has "all the qualifications" and reeled off frequent long TD runs in spring scrimmages.

Fullback Garvie Craw, 6-2, 222-pound senior, has been chiefly a blocker in past years (81 carries, 307 yards), but becomes a full running member this fall. He's swift for a big man and competitive.

Rounding out what could be a surprisingly potent backfield will be Paul Staroba, 6-3, 200-pound junior who caught 11 passes for 158 yards as a flanker last year. He'll be a wingback this time and figure in the rushing. Schembechler considers Star-



JIM MANDICH, Michigan's 6-3, 220 tight end, is one of Big Ten's top blockers.

TOM CURTIS (left) set loop mark of nine pass interceptions as Mich. U. safety.

ALVIN HAWES, 6-5 and 230, is sole offensive starter back on Gopher interior.

JIM CARTER (right) rates as target for pro scouts as Minnesota backfield senior.

oba very fast and one of the squad's most gifted athletes. Veteran John Gabler also figures.

Lance Scheffler, Johnson's understudy last year (191Y), and sophomore Bill Taylor beef up running back; sophomore Fritz Seyferth (6-3, 196) is a better-than-average fullback prospect; and Bruce Elliott, son of former Illinois coach Pete Elliott, could hold at wingback or defense.

Michigan's outstanding player is Jim Mandich, 6-3, 222-pound tight end who will have to be considered for All-America. He was All-Big 10 last year when he turned 43 pass catches into 576 yards and seems destined to rate with Michigan's greatest.

Jerry Imsland, 6-2, 205-pound senior who caught 19 passes for 269 yards last season, and Bill Harris, 6-1, 190-pounder who had 16 for 369, will share split end.

The Wolves' first line is solid, with All-Big 10 Dan Dierdorf (6-4, 255) and Jack Harpring (6-4, 225) at tackles; Bob Baumgartner (6, 215) and Frank Titas (6-2, 205) or Dick Caldarazzo (5-11, 222) at guards and converted linebacker Tim Kilian (6-4, 220) at center (he's also the place-kicking specialist: 5 FG's, 22 PAT's).

Baumgartner missed last season with a knee injury; Diersdorf had knee surgery after a last-game injury. Both are fully recovered.

Michigan's defense, unexpectedly strong last fall, has seven regulars returning, topped by 2nd-team All-America Tom Curtis and middle guard Henry Hill.

Safetyman Curtis set an All-time Big 10 record with 9 interceptions. Schembechler considers the 5-11, 210-pound Hill as good as any around (he runs the 40 in 4.5).

End Phil Seymour (6-4, 205), last year's leading tackler (81); tackle Dan Parks, 6-5, 245-pound former high school fullback; linebacker Ed Moore (6-1, 210) and halfback Brian Healy are other 1968 starters available.

Cecil Pryor (6-5, 240), the seventh regular, switches from linebacker to end and looked outstanding in the spring.

Letterman Marty Huff (6-2, 220) and soph Mike Taylor (6-1, 210) fill the linebacking vacancies; letterman Barry Pierson and soph Tom Darden (one of the prize rookies) fill in the secondary spots; and

letterman Dick McCoy (6-4, 240) and Pete Newell (6-4, 222) are still contesting for No. 1 status at the other tackle.

One of Michigan's problems may be in depth, although it might prove to be more lack of experience than ability.

Schembechler has been away from the Big 10 for six years, but he's been a head coach in a major college league and he's already shaken things up at Michigan—including an edict that all candidates must run a mile in 6 minutes or less before start of fall practice.

MINNESOTA (6-4, 5-2)—This is billed as a rebuilding year, but Murray Warmath has demonstrated in his first 15 seasons that it's costly for any opponent or forecaster to underestimate the Gophers, rebuilding or not.

The squad lists 22 lettermen, 13 of whom started games last year, but Warmath is deeply concerned because only two offensive line regulars return and three spots in the defensive line were vacated. As usual, he has some large, rugged young men around to move into the open spots.

Defense is the normal trademark of Warmath teams, but it's conceivable the offense may be its long suit this fall.

Minnesota claims a halfback-fullback combination equal to any in the Big 10—Barry Mayer and Jim Carter. Even Warmath, who rarely lapses into superlatives, uses "great" in this case.

Mayer (6-2, 214) is a hard runner with good speed who took over a starting halfback spot in mid-season last year and led the offense with 662 yards in 130 carries. He punishes tacklers and contributes his share of blocking.

Carter (6-3, 228) fought injuries for the first part of last year, but finished strong—with 423 yards and a 4.4 av. He could wind up his college career with a big year, and with high rating from the pro scouts.

Running strength over-all will be much better. George Kemp (6, 193), who gave way to sophomore Mayer last fall, returns (he rushed for 288 yards and caught 13 passes for 124 yards) and the sophomore class contributes two heralded threats, Larry Stevenson and Ernie Cook.

Stevenson (5-10, 195) has break-away possibili-

ties, as he proved in scrimmages in the spring, and Cook (5-10, 208) lends more power to the Gopher offense. Neither figures to dislodge Mayer or Carter, but both will play some.

Quarterback will again be Phil Hagen (6-2, 176) who logged most of the game time last fall and completed 75 of his 157 passes for 771 yards and 4 TD's.

Walt Bowser (6-1, 163) switched back to his original position, after a year as a flanker, and challenged Hagen during spring practice. He's a good runner and may get attention if the Gophers lean more to a ground attack.

The receiving is still excellent, even with the graduation of flanker Chip Litten.

Ray Parsons (6-5, 235), 2d team All-Big 10, led in catches with 30 last year at tight end, good for 333 yards and 2 TD's and Terry Addison (6-2, 189) has the speed and moves of a standout flanker. The latter missed most of 1968 with a knee injury, but played well in the final two games and last spring.

Mike Curtis (6, 180) is another experienced flanker. Leon Trawick (6-4, 225), a two-year letterman at end.

Alvin Hawes (6-5, 251) is the only interior line regular, but a powerful start for the rebuilding. Jim Wrobel (6-3, 258) is a letterman available at tackle; Bob Eastlund (6-2, 217) is an experienced center; and Bill Christison (6-3, 228) lettered at guard two years ago. Mike Quist (6, 230) is a sophomore who may move in at guard.

Warmath's pessimism has basis on the defensive side. He lost three first-team All-Big 10 selections and two who made the second honor platoon. It'll inevitably be felt.

Linebacker will again be the strongest starting point. Regulars Rich Crawford (6-1, 212), impressive as a sophomore, is back, along with lettermen Scott Mullen (6, 210), Henry Tasche (6-1, 201) and Dave Nixon, who lettered in 1967, but missed last year because of injury.

Sophomores Ron King (5-11, 214), Bob Bailey (6-1, 208) and Bill Light (6-1, 230) are considered potential starters.

Doug Rolstad at safety was second-team All-Big 10 last year and will be joined by starting cornerback Jeff Wright and lettermen Jeff Nygren and Walt Pribyl.

Jim Pahula (6-1, 244) is the lone starting lineman available, although Steve Thompson (6-3, 221) played almost as much. They're probable tackle starters and could be solid anchors for a likely inexperienced crew.

End candidates will be led by veteran Don Haugo (6-1, 212) but major help is expected from sophomores Curt Mayfield (6-6, 221), Tom Chandler (6-1, 198) and John Babcock (6-4, 260).

IOWA (5-5, 4-3)—Ray Nagel's third season was his best because of an offense that broke three school records (including 322 points and 4,404 yards) and five Big 10 marks (including 256 points and a 482-yards-per-game av.).

Iowa players accomplished 11 individual marks, most of them by graduating Ed Podolak, quarter-

back-turned-tailback, and end Al Bream.

However, Nagel still has the makings of another awesome striking force.

Larry Lawrence (6-2, 193) started the last six games as a soph and Iowa won four. The talented son of freshman coach Ted Lawrence opened with a record four TD's against Minnesota and wound up with 88 of 156 pass connections for 1,307 yards and 7 TD's and 161 net yards rushing and 10 TD's.

When Lawrence needed help, Nagel had a super-sub in Mike Cilek, a pocket-pass who nearly shot down champion Ohio State in the second half. He had 19 of 28 for the season for 308 yards, but 6 TD's. It's one of the ablest 1-2 quarterback combinations in the conference.

Tim Sullivan (6-2, 221) has been an underrated fullback, but he may get recognition this fall—and more work. A crashing runner with enough speed to be dangerous past the line of scrimmage and, a thunderous blocker, Sullivan added 682 yards (5.2 av.) to his career total last fall and needs 706 as a senior to crack the school's rushing record.

Dennis Green, who showed great promise as a soph last year, was heir-apparent, but was one of the 16 black athletes who left the squad. So was Levi Mitchell, who was expected to be a break-away soph addition at halfback.

Bill Powell (5-10, 175), who lettered as a sophomore and with a flashy record (276Y, 7.2 av.), ended spring practice as No. 1 tailback and with rave notices. He's a speedster with noteworthy broken-field ability, demonstrated by his leadership in kickoff returns (18 for 414 yards).

Perhaps the fastest Hawkeye is Kerry Reardon (6, 176), who replaces graduated Barry Crees at wingback, after lettering and catching 11 passes for 185 yards and 3 TD's as a sophomore.

Two sophomores, Dave Major (5-11, 171), a converted end, and Dave Triplett (6, 180), defensive back, support Reardon and Powell.

Backfield depth could be a problem if the boycott isn't resolved.

The receiving corps was dented by graduation, but should still be outstanding with Reardon, returning end Regular Ray Manning and a potential sophomore sensation in Don Osby.

Manning (6-4, 193) led Hawkeye receivers with 35 for 426 and 5 TD's as a sophomore and should be among Big 10 leaders this fall, with Lawrence and Cilek to get the ball his way.

Osby (6-1, 198), an all-star high school halfback, came along so fast in the spring the loss of Bream seemed far less critical. He'll play the "quick", or split end.

Iowa's offensive line will be experienced and efficient, with Jon Meskimen (5-11, 226) as a leading All-America guard candidate.

Mel Morris (6-2, 235) has been a tackle starter most of his two years and rounding out the line will be lettermen Jim Miller (6-2, 222), tackle; Chuck Legler (6-2, 220), guard; and Alan Cassady (6-2, 229), center. Sophomore tackles Geoff Mickelson (5-11, 220) and John Mueller (6-4, 233) should help.

While the Hawks' offense flourished, its defense



JON MESKIMEN leads big, strong offensive line as standout Hawkeye guard.

LARRY LAWRENCE (left) hit on 88 of 156 aerials for 7 tallies as Iowa soph.



DOUG REDMANN, agile 220-pounder, is veteran guard on the Illinois line.



DAVE JACKSON (right) is back after year's illness to aid to Illini rushing.

floundered, yielding 4,102 yards and 289 points. But marked improvement looked like a certainty, since seven of the usual '68 starters were sophomores and the freshman had been recruited strongly for defensive ability. Then came the walkout of five of the starters and loss of two more for other reasons.

It still should be better, with linebacker Larry Ely (6-1, 225) as a sure All-Big 10 candidate. He had a part in 73 tackles last year. Rod Barnhart (6-2, 203) is another experienced linebacker who could team with Ely.

Both tackles, Layne McDowell (6-4, 237) and Rich Stepanek (6-5, 238) resume and should be stronger, judged by fine spring drills. Bill Windauer (6-4, 235), one of the prize sophomores, held down middle guard last spring. Bill Bevill (6-3, 215) two-year letterman, and Dan McDonald, (6-3, 220) go into the fall as starting ends.

Iowa had only one letterman in the defensive backfield in the spring, Tom Hayes, and he'd seen brief game action. Steve Penney (6-2, 207), a sophomore standout; Bill Sheeder (6-1, 213), who was injured much of last year and failed to letter, and Chris Hamilton, senior reserve, are most likely prospects for the other three deep spots.

Among the athletes who sat out last spring and whose status remain in doubt were starters Mike Phillips, linebacker who led the team in tackles (117); Ken Price, end; Coleman Lane, rover back; Ray Cavole and Ray Churchill, halfbacks. Their return could make considerable difference.

ILLINOIS (1-9, 1-6)—Graduation cut deep into Jim Valek's experienced material and several others dropped football (the best defensive tackle to devote more time to campus politics), leaving the smallest letterman colony (16) in the league.

Fortunately for Valek, he welcomes what he calls "no question . . . the best sophomore group in my three years as head coach. I do feel we'll be an improved team."

Three of the better sophomores are at one position, quarterback. Steve Livas (6-1, 198) finished spring practice as No. 1 and seems likely to stay there, although Gary Lange (6-4, 195) and Bob Quinn (6, 185) aren't out of the competition. Re-

gardless, the class and depth seem much-improved.

Livas showed all-around ability, throwing well, running well and pleasing Valek with the way he handled the team.

Tom Kmiec (6-1, 200) and Bob Bess (5-11, 192) starting halfbacks for the last half of '68, return, but Dave Jackson (6, 180) probably will move back in at left half. Jackson, who has great speed, was forced out last season by illness, after being a two-year regular. He had an excellent spring practice.

Two promising rookies, Mark Bates (6-3, 198) and Darrell Robinson (5-10, 190), join the scramble for playing time.

The fullback assignment is still unsettled between letterman Ken Bargo (5-11, 205) and soph Ted Singleton (6-2, 225). Bargo gained 297 yards last year, but Singleton, who was injured most of spring practice, rates as a possible super prospect —big, fast and good.

Illinois' offensive line may be one of its prime assets.

Doug Redmann (6-1, 220), a regular last year, and Bob Biesczad (6-1, 215) converted from tackle, should develop into one of the league's better guard tandems.

Tom Scott (6, 237) started with Biesczad at tackle last year and will be joined this fall by sophomore Dave Zochert (6-5, 240). Tony Ornatek (6-3, 206) was an alternate starter at center and sophomore Jules Vyborny (6-2, 210) moved in last spring while Ornatek was recovering from surgery and looked strong.

The Illini had anything but an awesome passing attack in '68 (827 yards and 2 TD's), but it has a chance to contribute more this time.

Doug Dieken (6-5, 230) led the receivers with 21 catches for 223 yards from split end. The big junior will switch to tight end this year, with John Kaiser (6-3, 195) replacing him at the wide spot. Kaiser played little as a soph because of injuries, but looked good in spring drills.

Bess also figures in the passing, with 17 catches for 170 yards and both of the Illini TD's last year.

The defense will be Illinois' question mark, since only four regulars return and most of the replacements will be sophs or non-lettering squadmen.

John Mauzey (6-3, 207) resumes at one end; Tony

Clements (6-2, 240) at one tackle; Bruce Erb (6-2, 220) at linebacker; and Charlie Bareither at defensive halfback.

Glenn Collier (6-2, 205) heads candidates for the other end position; George Samojedny (6-2, 235) for the other tackle; and Veto Santini (6, 220) for the other linebacker. All are sophomores and highly regarded.

Tim McCarthy (6-1, 177) missed a letter as a sophomore, but moved into the "rover" back position in the spring and probably will stay.

Steve Allen (6-3, 189), transfer from Kansas, is a major addition to the defensive backfield and Bob Burns, last year's No. 2 quarterback, has been switched to add strength. Mike Ryan, who played regularly at defensive halfback, underwent surgery and is uncertain.

The smallest man on the squad is another Illinois' asset. Dan McKissic (5-7, 160) will be in his third year as place-kick specialist, with four field goals to his credit, including a 51-yarder, and 20 conversions.

NORTHWESTERN (1-9, 1-6)—Alex Agase will build on his 11 returning starters and draw chiefly from upperclassmen to begin the season and the reason should be obvious from the schedule. It's no place for a rookie. The Wildcats wade in against Notre Dame, Southern Cal and UCLA, the first two away.

But, as the units sift down, Agase may wind up with one of the younger teams in the Big 10. Northwestern's 1968 freshman team was its most successful in many years and some of its grads are exceptionally skilled.

As an example, Dave Shelbourne developed into a first-rate Big 10 quarterback as a sophomore last season, finishing third in the Big 10 in total offense. Yet, in spring drills, freshman Maurice Daigneau actually pushed Shelbourne.

Shelbourne (6-2, 190) got the ball home in 105 of his 251 pitches for 1,358 yards and 7 TD's, which calls for no apologies. But Daigneau, also 6-2 and 190, may be a super passer.

Quarterback is one position considered solid.

Agase made one switch last spring that clicked. He brought 6-foot, 212-pound two-year linebacking regular Mike Hudson into the offensive backfield and there he'll stay—and play. Hudson was an All-Ohio fullback in high school and still has a quick start and enough speed for ball-carrying.

Junior Mike Adamle (5-10, 190) will be the other running back, after limited game time last year (94 yards in 39 carries). His chief contribution was 632 yards on kickoff returns.

Northwestern's ground game should pick up an ingredient it has lacked in recent years—speed. Sophomores Allison Robinson (5-11, 190) and Charles Carstens (5-10, 170) will back up Hudson and Adamle and could stir up the attack.

Passing produced 1,641 of the Wildcats' 2,943 yards and 7 of its 16 TD's last fall. It could be more potent this time, since all five top receivers return.

Regulars Kenny Luxton (6, 190) and Bruce Hubbard (6-6, 205) will handle the wide assignments.

Hubbard, with good hands to complement his ideal size, led with 33 catches for 551 yards and Luxton had 13 for 202. They'll be backed by a fleet pair of sophomores, Jerry Brown, 5-11, 165, and Barry Pearson, 5-11, 177.

Pat Harrington, 6-4, 218 tight end starter, grabbed 17 for 163 and his alternate, Jon Hittman (6,210) had 15 for 214. This is another position firmly manned.

Agase's rebuilding problem is the interior line, where only guard Mike Sikich resumes. Sikich (6-2, 225) switched from end last year and became one of the Big 10's best sophomore linemen.

Other places will be filled by '68 reserves. John Bradley (6-3, 226) at tackle; Terry Ekl (6, 215) at guard; and Joe Zingulich at center are lettermen and John Hoetster (5-11, 213) is another letterman guard. Gerald Combs (6, 219) lettered as a defensive tackle last year, but is switching to offense.

Northwestern's defense fought stubbornly, but wilted last year. No opponent scored less than 10 points and one 68. Six of the starters are gone and another, tackle Frank Mullins, is questionable because of lingering injuries.

Linebacker is by far the strong point, even without Hudson. Don Ross (5-10, 214), Ray Forsthoffer (6, 212) and Joel Hall (5-11, 204) not only started last fall, but excelled. Sophomores Bob Mishler (6, 205) and John Vorhees (6-1, 190) will further fortify the ranks.

Bill Galler (6-2, 240) is an established tackle, but from there the platoon is unproven.

Sophomores dominate the ends. Wil Hemby (6, 200) is set to start and John Derning (6-1, 193) leads at the other, where senior Butch Ethington, (6-2, 200) is also competing. Two other rookies, Charles Pater (6, 210) and Mike Morkin (6-3, 215) are close.

John Rodman (6-3, 240 letterman) will be the other tackle, if Mullins isn't available.

Brad Somers and Harold Daniels, lettermen, and reserve Gary Holland lead candidates in the secondary, which was completely vacated by graduation. Sophomores Jack Dustin and Eric Hutchinson and converted tight end Rich Telander could also figure.

WISCONSIN (0-10, 0-9)—Johnny Coatta's third year begins without a dozen '68 regulars, including the leading passer; the two top rushers and an All-Big 10 linebacker. The offense scored 86 points; the enemy 310.

The Badgers will be the youngest team in the conference and the most uncertain—and probably the least successful. But Coatta still may get his first coaching victory, thanks to some promising, though untried sophomores.

Two of the rookies will be in a key spot, but have the potential to provide Wisconsin with its best quarterbacking in several years. Rudy Steiner (6-2, 217) and Neil Graff (6-3, 195) run well, pass well and handle the offense well.

Soph Greg Johnson (6-1, 190) may be the break-away back the Badgers have needed. He reeled off long runs in most spring scrimmages, showing



DAVE SHELBOURNE hit on 105 passes for 1358 yards and 7 TDs at Northwestern.

BRUCE HUBBARD (left) is Wildcats' top receiver with 33 good for 551 yards.



NATE BUTLER, Wisconsin back, set school kickoff return mark, 21 for 551 yds.



STU VOIGT (right), lone vet in Badger backfield, is strong rusher and receiver.

great speed, and moved ahead of letterman Randy Marks (5-11, 210). Marks, highly-touted as a freshman, was plagued by injuries and gained only 97 yards in 42 chances his first season with the varsity.

Another pair of newcomers, Alan Thompson (6-1, 215) and Larry Mialik (6-2, 212) will continue their contest for the fullbacking assignment.

Wingback Stu Voigt (6-2, 218) is the only letterman expected to start. He caught 18 passes for 167 yards and ran 39 times for 103 as a regular in '68.

Wisconsin's receiving will be its strongest department. Mel Reddick (6-1, 183), a varsity basketballer in the winter season, would be included among the Big 10's better targets. He had 34 catches for 375 yards last year, boosting his two-year totals to 76—899 and 3 TD's.

Jim Mearlon (6-3, 203) will again be the tight end, assuming he's healed from spring surgery on his knee. His nine catches added 136 to the Badgers' 1,128 total. Ike Isom (6-3, 189) reserve end had 10 for 153 yards.

But sophomore Al Hannah (6-4, 185) may be the best of the group. Coatta, in fact, believes the Miami import can become one of Wisconsin's all-time greats, especially if the quarterbacks prove able passers.

The interior line will be built around the lone returning regular, guard Don Murphy (5-10, 211).

Sophomores Jeff Kreger (6-1, 228) and Roger Jaeger (6-3) lead an impressive tackle group that includes senior Mike McClish (6-4, 275) and two other first-year men, Elbert Walker (6-5, 285) and Mike Smolcich (6-3, 237).

Mike Musha (5-11, 235) is Murphy's probable running mate, with sophomore Brad Monroe (5-11, 229) a back-up.

Jim Nowack (6-4, 228) broke his arm during last fall's practice and missed the season. He should beef up the center and Jim Fedenia (6-1, 233) will lend support.

Potentially, the Badger line should surpass last year's and could give the backs a better chance to operate.

The defense, by contrast with the offense, will be letterman-stocked except for safety, where rookie Terry Whitaker (6-3, 195) can be outstanding.

Gary Buss (6-2, 214) was a regular last year and

Rudy Schmidt (6-6, 205), a reserve at end. Jim Johnson (6-4, 236) was switched from offense to defense to strengthen the position.

Jim DeLisle (6-4, 245) became a first-rate tackle last year and Bill Gregory (6-6, 235) was also a regular. DeLisle is one of those Big 10 rarities—a "walk-on" (non-scholarship).

Even though leading tackler, All-Big 10 Ken Critter, will be missed, linebacker will be solid with regulars Ed Albright (6-2, 210), Chuck Winfrey (6-1, 216) and Dick Hyland (6-2, 197) joined by letterman John Borders (5-10, 215).

All of the deep defenders graduated, but Nate Butler, Bill Yarborough and Pete Higgins are experienced. Butler is also important to the offense, since he carried 21 kickoffs back 501 yards for a school record last fall.

Wisconsin is the only team in the Big 10 with synthetic turf on its stadium field, but if it meant any advantage to the home team, the scores didn't show it. A bit more natural speed and ability should help the Badgers more than the "rug" this fall.

NOTRE DAME (7-2-1)—Ara Parseghian can be excused for looking back. "That was a tremendous offensive team," he says of 1968. "We averaged over 500 yards a game, and 37 points. Michigan State was the only team to hold us in the teens (17). It was the best offensive team I've had."

Terry Hanratty, Jim Seymour, Bob Gladieux, Coley O'Brien, George Kunz and others now among Irish alumni had a great deal to do with the 28 individual and team records set. Hanratty claimed 7 career marks; Seymour 3.

Only two starters return for 1969: Larry DiNardo (6-1, 243) an All-America prospect, and Jim Reilly (6-2, 230) at tackles. Not surprising then that Parseghian says: "I see no way we can duplicate the performance of last year on offense."

Fortunately, the defense, rebuilt last year, should be stronger, but whether it can make up the offense's skid is debatable.

Parseghian and his staff thought about it over the summer and he confides: "We're going to be more of a running team."

Junior Joe Theismann (6, 170) was heir apparent to Hanratty's mantle and assumed it earlier



LARRY DiNARDO, 6-1 and 243 guard, is key man in rebuilding Notre Dame line.

JOE THEISMANN (left) is rated fine runner and good passer as ND field general.

than expected—when All-America Hanratty tore up a knee. The slim kid from New Jersey engineered two big wins and a tie with then No. 1 Southern Cal, completing 27 of 49 for 451 yards during the year and running for 259 (4.4 av.).

Though considered a better runner than passer, Theismann has a good arm and should give the Irish first-rate quarterbacking.

If the Irish are going to depend more on their rushing attack, the mainstays appear to be veterans Jeff Zimmerman and Ed Ziegler and sophomores Andy Huff, John Cieszkowski, Bob Minnix and Dick Zielony.

Zimmerman (6-1, 210) had a big sophomore year, but injuries plagued him last fall and he showed only 267 yards (4.2 av.). Ziegler (6-1, 213) has been a two-year reserve (163 yards, 5.4 av in '68) who may be ready to fulfill his early promise.

Huff (5-11, 200) is a fine all-around prospect: strong runner, good speed and effective blocker. He'll probably start at halfback, along with Ziegler (HB) and Zimmerman (FB).

Cieszkowski (6-2, 218) led the Irish frosh in rushing and figures to push Zimmerman, and play some. Zielony (6, 214) is another fullback prospect, while Minnix (5-11, 180) and junior Dennis Allen (5-11, 190) back up Ziegler at half.

Two others could figure: Tom Gatewood (6-2, 210), a halfback, although he may be used at tight end, and Ernie Jackson (6, 182).

Thiesmann may also suffer from at least inexperienced receivers, Tom Eaton (6-3, 200) is the only lettering split end and the tight end probably will be non-lettering senior Dewey Poskon (6-4, 220). Bill Trapp (6-3, 205) is a sophomore of promise at split end.

No other experienced quarterbacks are on the roster. Last year's No. 1 freshman, Jim Yoder, will probably back Thiesmann.

Line rebuilding anchors around DiNardo, who line coach Jerry Wampfler tabs "one of the brightest prospects I have ever seen," and Reilly. Mike Oriard (6-3, 215), who filled in late last year, will be the center, with non-lettering Gary Kos (6-2, 234) at the other guard and either Terry Brennan (6-4, 230) or Chuck Kennedy (6-3, 240), both lettermen, at tackle.

The Irish defense had its troubles early last season, with inexperience and injuries taking a toll, but Parseghian notes that it toughened up about mid-season and finished strong. He agrees "we should be an improved defensive team this year."

Two All-America candidates, tackle Mike McCoy (6-5, 270) and linebacker Bob Olson (6, 230), give the unit its solid foundation and they get excellent support from experienced hands at most positions.

Bob Jockisch (6-3, 260), a letterman, and Pat Mudron (6, 240) are available at the other tackle and Olson's fellow linebackers are regulars Tim Kelly (6-1, 212), Larry Schumacher (6, 205) and Joe Freebery (6, 207). Bob Neidert (6, 210) is also experienced and Eric Patton (6-2, 215) a top sophomore hope.

The secondary is intact with John Gasser, Don Reid and Chuck Zloch but sophomore Clarence Ellis had all but nailed down the safety assignment in spring practice.

Parseghian's major replacement is at end, where both starters graduated. Sophomores Walt Patulski (6-5, 235) and Fred Swendsen (6-4, 230) are likely to start, even though Steve Lambert and Tom Nash have had some varsity experience.

With the offense so uncertain, it's significant that place-kicker Scott Hempel (5 FG's and 45 EXP) returns. Every point may count.

DAYTON (5-5)—John McVay has 21 lettermen, but only 8 starters making .500 unlikely repeat.

Complete new backfield may include rookies QB Ron Krechting (40C, 696Y for frosh last fall), HB Tony Moro (5-11, 215) and FB Kevin Ryan (6-1, 210), with top holdover HB Terry Miller (281Y). Soph Gary Kosins (HB) and lettermen John Hayes and Dennis Schaffer (QB's) also figure.

Dan Andrick (T, 6-4, 250), Bill Thompson (G), Mark Ellison (G, 6-2, 235), Jim Stangle (T, 6-3, 230) and Bill Tant (E, 6-5, 245) line regulars returning. Starter Dennis Sidebottom (E) now guard, ex-HB Willie Handley taking SE job. Leo Dillon (6-3, 235) is center.

Defense swept by graduation. Only Bob Palcic (MG), Jim Rudzinski (E) and Al Brown (CB) back. Reserves move up: Dan Quinn (E), Gary Hambell and Fred Bogert (T's), Jim Tierney and Joe Tyler (LB's) and Bob Fox and Don Simpson (S's). Soph Sonny Allen is other CB.

XAVIER (6-4)—Irv Etler, moving up from assistant to head coach, will continue same system, but hopes to improve on record. Grads include seven signed by pro teams, but solid talent returns.

Jerry Buckmaster (6-2, 185) will be at QB, where he's completed 55 per cent of passes for over 2,300Y and 15TD's, and figures in rushing attack (593 gross last year). HB's Ray Bauer, (206Y, 3.3 av) and FB Dale Mutry (332Y, 3.5 av) resume.

However, Etler unveiled running standout in spring in soph Ivy Williams (5-10, 180) who may start. Other rookies high-rated include FB Jim Brophy (6-2, 205), transfer from Vanderbilt, and HB Sherman Croft (5-9, 180).

Offensive line standouts are Jerry Pilcavage (G,

6-3, 230), who could give Musketeers second straight All-America and high pro choice; Jim Murray (TE, 6-2, 210), No. 2 receiver with 12 for 129; and Mike Herr (6-3, 230), Tim Renard (T's, 6-4, 260).

Joe Abramowicz (5-10, 175) brother of all-time Xavier great Danny Abramowicz, likely starting SE.

Defense anchors on veterans Dan Fuller (6-4, 225), Mike Sherrett (T's, 6-6, 255); Tom Bachman, Jerry Mouch and Gene Otting, LB's; and DB Vic Nolting.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS (2-8)—New coach Doc Urich, who played for Woody Hayes at Miami and was Ara Parseghian's assistant at Notre Dame, is installing new system and conversion may take time. He has 22 lettermen and grads of 2-2 frosh squad.

QB Bob Carpenter (6-1, 177) making big switch from pocket passer to roll-out, but his adjustment was pleasant surprise of spring drills.

Also bright spring spot was seeming return to form of HB Bruce Bray (6-1, 198), who injured knee early last year. Could pair with returning regular FB John LaLonde (864Y, 4.9 av) in strong running threat. Sophs Dan Gorman, Dave Garrett and Steve Goehl likely to help.

Offensive line being rebuilt around Dave Weisendanger (T, 6-3, 224), Galen Naumann (G, 5-10, 208) and Mike Batina (C, 6-2, 209). Return of injury-plagued Bob Hastings (T, 6-7, 248) welcome.

Phil Szukis (6-3, 232) switched from tackle to bolster LB, where only regular Jim Patterson (5-10, 206) returns. Sophs Valdis Spuris (6, 190) and Leo Hudetz fill other two jobs. Tom Rose and Dan DeVito at corners, Bill Boston and Tom Harvey at safety resume.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (6-3)—Dick Towers rebuilds with 13 regulars among 24 lettermen, plus grads of frosh team (5-1) rated best-ever.

Newcomer Bob Hasberry (6-1, 205) had coaches excited in spring with running from halfback. A 9.8 sprinter, he has good power and could be Salukis' best in several years.

Allen Barclay is holdover QB, with 34 of 85 for 463Y and 3 TD's, after taking over in mid-season. Southern won 6 of last 7 games. Also resuming is FB Wilbur Lanier (5-10, 195), who averaged 3.5.

Versatile Mike Bradley (5-10, 180) as wingback, passed 2-for-2, both for TD's; averaged 8.4 on 40 rushes, caught 16 passes for 297Y, kicked 7 FG's (5 from 25-38Y) and 20 PAT moves to split end, but is in question because of grades, however.

Top linemen include soph Lionel Antoine (E, 6-7, 240), who could become great one; Earl Collins (T, 6-4, 220), switched from E; Terry Cotham (G, 6-2, 235), two-year regular; Ray Reade (SE, 6-1, 207); Dave Krisman (6-1, 205), Bill Grainger (DE's) and Mark Colvis (LB, 6, 195).

AKRON (7-2-1)—Gordon Larson's power-I formation finally achieved pass potency last year with 2,083Y and could be as good in '69, despite loss of QB. Dan Ruff (5-11, 185), Little All-America honorable mention, is big reason. Caught 52 passes for

1,041Y and 11 TD's and has pro scouts interested. Grabbed 7 for 179Y in spring game.

Frosh QB Mick Hutton (6, 185) impressed in spring practice and should improve as he gains experience. Showed ability to get ball to Ruff, long or short. Completed 8 of 16 for 189Y in spring game.

Rushing attack contributed 2,100Y in season that wound up with loss in Grantland Rice Bowl and has three top returnees: HB Ron Lemon (6, 195), who had 432Y; FB John Vargo (who's 28 years old) 546; and Jack Beidleman (5-8, 155), a 9.7 sprinter, 799Y and 5.7 av., plus 33 pass receptions for 425Y. Lemon collected 132Y in spring game.

Barry Schaad (T, 6-3, 230) and Dave Parker (G, 5-11, 215) are mainstays of what should be good offensive line.

Anchors of defense will be Dave Holian (T, 6, 220), Dick Bozicevich (LB, 6-2, 205), transfer from Indiana who stood out in spring drills, and Sonny Pallija (DB, 5-10, 180), another Little All-America honorable mention.

MID-AMERICAN

OHIO U. (10-0, 6-0)—If Todd Snyder's knee operation (last spring) and if Bill Hess can come up with replacements for pro-drafted tackles, the Bobcats should be more offensive than even last season, when they were 5th nationally in scoring and covered 4,197 yards.

Mainspring is 5-11, 170-pound senior Cleve Bryant, dazzling-quick quarterback who holds all of OU's pass records; has a 3.5 career average in rushing; was 9th nationally in '68 in total offense and the MAC's "Outstanding Player".

Hess tabs Bryant "a great, great athlete . . . the complete quarterback." He's 166 for 380 for 2,681 yards in two years; 1,158 yards in running and 43 TD's.

Snyder (6-2, 185) holds all OU receiving marks and is considered pro material. With speed, hands and moves, he's collected 79 passes for 1,406 yards and 7 TD's; returns punts and could be used in the defensive backfield.

Leading rusher and All-MAC halfback Dave LeVeck (5-9, 180) also returns. A quick starter with long-range speed, he covered 850 yards (4.9 av) and will be joined by promising sophomores Bobby Allen (5-10, 170), a break-away runner, and Bill Skrovan (5-10, 200). LeVeck's young brother, Jack (6, 200) also might figure, although he probably will be a linebacker.

Hess rates this his fastest-ever Bobcat team.

Flankerback Harvey Mitchell will be back and regulars Mike Kaydo (G) and Carson Crow (C) anchor a rebuilt interior line.

The defense loses only two regulars, but needs beefing up. Foes scored 179 points and completed over .500 in passing (OU lost to Richmond 49-42 in the Tangerine Bowl).

All-MAC linebacker Steve Robison heads the unit that includes Larry Spires and Fred Lewis, ends; Fred James, tackle; Chet Nolan, linebacker; Bruce Herdman, corner; Craig Rader, halfback, and Mike Schott, safety.

MIAMI (7-3, 5-1)—Bill Mallory has never been a head coach, but he prepped under Woody Hayes and will draw heavily on that background to try to give the school its 27th consecutive winning season.

The 1957 Redskin grad inherited a talented squad, including four All-MAC choices; nine offensive starters and 28 lettermen over-all.

Kent Thompson (6, 175) has been a starting quarterback for two years and has improved each year. Last season, he completed 76 of 159 for 970 yards and 6 TD's, ran for 575 more yards and led the team in scoring with 62 points. He had only three interceptions.

Both of the power fullbacks are available, Cleve Dickerson (6, 210), who rushed for 736 yards (4.6 av), and Don Wade (6-2, 210), who gained 358 (4.1). So is wingback Dick Adams (6-1, 210), who was third in receiving with 14 for 174 yards.

Ed Maloney, with 211 yards in 60 trips, is ready to step into the vacant tailback.

Prize Redskin is tight end Gary Arthur, 6-5, 230-pounder who caught 27 passes for 330 yards en route to his second straight year as All-MAC. He's an All-America prospect. Split end Mike Palija, with 22 receptions for 334 yards, also returns, with All-MAC tackle Dave Hutchins (6-2, 224) and All-MAC guard Larry Thompson (6, 212).

The defense, fourth nationally, lost the MAC's first All-America, linebacker Bob Babich, and four other mainstays.

Linebacker will have to be filled and it might be a problem. But All-MAC Merv Nugent (6, 200) and Jim Scott (6-1, 220) return at ends; Larry Draper (5-10, 200) is a first-rate middle guard and Randy Matheny, Bill Witler, Paul Schroeder, Jeff Lieberman and Archie Stimmel earned letters in the secondary.

BOWLING GREEN (6-3-1, 3-2-1)—Don Nehlen starts his second year with a sound framework of veterans, especially in the lines, and expectation of a lift from sophomores.

Vern Wireman took over the offense last year when regular quarterback O. J. Nitray was injured and established himself as a passer—65 of 128 for 769 yards and 8 TD's—and a better runner than his predecessor. The experience should be a plus.

Fred Mathews (6, 180), BG's leading rusher with 733 yards, returns, although switched to wingback. His understudy and the No. 2 runner, Roger Murray (6-1, 190) moves up at tailback, with strong challenge from soph Julius Levias (5-11, 190).

Bob Zimpfer (5-10, 185) converts from wingback to split end, after catching 49 passes for 499 yards and 7 TD's.

Fullback will go to a sophomore: Jerry Fields (5-11, 210), Denny Maupin (6-1, 215) or Dan Patty (6-2, 195) all good.

The offensive line is all-veteran and more than adequate with Carl Battershell (6, 210) and Dave Urdzik (6-1, 215) at tackle; Dave Finley (5-11, 205) and Bill Roder (6, 220) at guard; and Britt Raburn (6-1, 200) at center.

Steve Lanning (6-1, 215), a letterman fullback out last year with injury, returns as a tight end.

Bowling Green was 10th in total defense and 10th in pass defense nationally and retains most of its line and linebackers, topped by middle guard Joe Green.

With Green (5-10, 190) are ends Phil Villapiano (6-2, 195) and John Szychowski (6-1, 200); tackles Tom Lloyd (6-3, 245) and Dave Roese (6-1, 225) and two sturdy linebackers, Dave Polak (6-2, 215) and Bob Simmons (5-11, 190) plus a high-rated soph, Rich Deutemeyer (6, 210). The defensive backfield was riddled and is the No. 1 problem. Larry Kelly and Bill Deming are veterans, but Gregg Shinn and Honester Davidson have switched from offense to help.

TOLEDO (5-4-1, 3-2-1)—Frank Lauterbur boasts the NCAA's all-time point-after-touchdown champion, Ken Crots. The senior specialist has 64 consecutive conversion (previous mark, 52). He kicked 9 FG's.

Lauterbur's problem is getting the TD's so Crots can add the "automatic" extra point. Grads, including the school's scoring and rushing record-setter Roland Moss, accounted for more than half of the Rockets' offense last year and that team was held to only one TD in its last 10 quarters.

Other major assets are the return of five line starters and grads of a 5-1 freshman squad.

Quarterback Steve Jones (90 of 243 passes for 1,197 yards) is back, but will be pushed by strong-throwing soph Chuck Ealey. Otherwise, backfield starters will be new. Dick Seymour (5-11, 210), who gained 125 yards and averaged 6.6, will move up at fullback and Howard Pernell, switched from defense, and soph Don Fair will duel at slotback.

End John Brisker (6-4, 220) caught 25 passes for 343 yards last year and sophs Al Baker (TE, 6-1, 198), Tom Robey (E, 5-11, 165) and Fair, all fast, add up to receiving strength. Line regulars are Jim Rance (T, 6-3, 248), Ken Wilson (T, 6-3, 222), Bob Caverly (G, 6-1, 210) and Leon Campbell (C, 6-1, 190).

The defense which yielded 69 points in its last six games is anchored by seven regulars—Jim Manuel E, 6-3, 272), John Dennis (T, 6-3, 238), Steve Beier (LB, 5-9, 180), Jim Tyler (LB, 6, 242), Tom Duncan, Curt Johnston and Dave Penn (DB's). Sophs John Niezgoda (LB, 6, 213) and John Saunders (DB, 6-3, 202) might be starters.

WESTERN MICHIGAN (3-6, 2-4)—Bill Doolittle changed a lot of things last spring in hopes of changing the record this fall. He switched to the new triple-option, or veer, offense and to a 4-3 defense; switched no less than a dozen players' positions, and reorganized his coaching staff.

The condition of quarterback Mark Bordeaux will be important to the Broncos' offense. The 5-11, 182 junior came on strong last season, finishing with 83 completions (in 171) for 1,143 yards and 8 TD's. He underwent shoulder surgery last spring and remains uncertain.

Losing him would be a jolt, even though reserve Tim Klein returns and converted defensive back Gene Rademacher was promising in spring drills.

Rushing must be developed, with Chuck Ellison

(125 yards) and Mark Phelan (128) as the only lettermen. Roger Lawson and Dave Capello, top freshman rusher (163), figure prominently.

The line is all-veteran, with Paul Minnis (6-1, 230), second-team all-MAC tackle, as the mainstay. Keith Volk (G, 6-3, 223), Al Bush (C, 5-11, 218), Mike McCann (G, 6-2, 216) and Dick Lawson (T, 6-1, 208) all played last year.

Three top receivers are available, leader Al Bellile (30 for 394), being moved to flanker; TE Greg Flaska (15 for 188) and WB Paul Schneider (12 for 232).

Western's defense has only four regulars returning: Mike Siwek (6-3, 255) second team All-MAC who could be one of the best in the league; Todd McCall (E, 6-2, 216), Gershwin Drain (CB) and Edd Snyder (S).

KENT STATE (1-9, 1-5)—Dave Puddington's second year could be slightly happier. His players have had time to adjust to the shooting-I offense, which he's refined somewhat, and he'll have the first group of his own recruits coming up. Last year's frosh squad was rated among the best on five or six years.

Steve Trustdorf's junior year at quarterback produced 64 completions in 138 throws for 773 yards. The 5-10, 180-pounder had a good spring and Puddington has high hopes he'll have a big senior year.

End Doug Smith, who led receivers with 21 catches for 247 yards, and halfback Dan Brenning, second receiver with 12 for 165, will be back.

Don Nottingham (5-10, 205 senior) will lead the rushing, as he did last year (727 yards and a 4.4 av), with help from Garland Wilson (304 yards and 4.1 av) and Jerry Williams (186 and 4.5). Sophomores Thad Cohen (6-1, 200), Tim Rabino and Handy Lampley could push their way into the backfield, however.

Guard Nelson Bobb (6-1, 220) heads up the offensive line that also has lettermen Doug Neff (E), George Austin and Tom Walter (T, 6-5, 275) and Bret Hart (C).

Jim Corrigal, twice All-MAC tackle, will bulwark the defense, with experience help in Mark Kujala (T, 6-5, 240), Larry Cella (LB). The Flashes' pass defense led the nation last year (75 for 107 yards per game av.) and returns three regulars, Jimmy Foxx, Gary Renaud and Jerry Clemens. Converted quarterback Tommy Mokros is the new "monster" back.

MARSHALL (0-9-1, 0-6)—A lot of things will be different for the Herd. Even the winless streak, the nation's longest among major colleges (21), might disappear. Perry Moss, in his second year, could conceivably start entirely non-letterman platoons, although he has 23 monogram-winners, 12 of them regulars.

Marshall's freshman team last year went 5-0, including a win over Kentucky's yearlings, and Moss may enroll as many as eight junior college transfers.

Last year's quarterback, John Oertel (6-4, 209), had an impressive record for a winless team: 95 completions for 1,251 yards and 8 TD's. But he's switched to tight end to make room for sophs Ted

Shoebridge (6-1, 207) and passing whiz Bill Harris (6, 175).

Dickie Carter, No. 1 rusher with 405 yards, returns at halfback, but the big boost for the backfield is John Hurst (6, 213), who started for Florida State as a sophomore and sat out last year as a transfer at Marshall.

The Herd line should improve, especially with the addition of soph tackle Ron Mikolajcik (6-4, 252), who Moss also predicts will make the All-America teams. Mike Bankston (6-1, 228) and Jim Sly (6-4, 226) will also bolster tackle.

Marshall's foes swept to over 4,000 yards and 358 points last year. The defense should be stiffer this fall, but will suffer from lack of experience, especially in the backfield where only Mike Smith has played in a game and at end, where all candidates are rookies.

Tim Bentley (6-1, 216) and Jim Sostarich (5-10, 191) are returnee linebackers.

OHIO CONFERENCE

OHIO WESLEYAN (8-1, 6-1)—Jack Fouts, 16-1-1 in last two years, has 16 returning regulars, 8 on each unit, but gone are OC Player of Year (QB Dick Cromwell), OC rushing champ (TB Bob Badami) and holder of numerous school records (SE Bill Long).

Tom Flossie (5-7, 170) will be QB and is highly-regarded, after season as reserve (12C, 200Y). Receiving still excellent in flanker Tom Liller (18R, 334Y, 5 TD's) and 6-2, 204 TE Jim Clevenger (14R, 167Y).

FB Henry Hinrichsen (495Y) and HB Rick Hensley (366Y) lead rushing game; Henry Newton (T, 6-2, 220) anchors all-veteran offensive line.

Dave Nelson (E, 6-2, 190) and Tom Truesdell (T, 6-4, 216) mainstays of veteran defensive platoon. Bishops led OC in total defense and passing defense; 2nd in three offensive categories.

Also back: Pete Billington, OC kick-scoring champ (9 FG, 32 PAT).

WITTENBERG (6-3, 3-2)—Dave Maurer replaces Bill Edwards as head coach. Latter served 14 years, won 69 of last 79. Maurer has been in charge of offense.

Backfield intact: QB Rocky Alt (102C, 1,297Y, 12TD), HB's Darryl Herring (455Y, 5.0 av.) and Scott Hill (174Y, 9.1 av.) and FB Jim Justice (398Y, 3.7 av., 7TD). Herring also had 27R for 329Y. Senior Bob Miller great running QB to back Alt; soph HB Claud Dent may challenge Hill for job, giving Tigers not only strong, but deep backfield.

Line has only Ray Ward (E), top receiver with 37R for 534Y, and All-OC 2d team Tom Young (G) returning. Most likely help: Bill Bibbee (T, 6-2, 230), Terry McNutt (C) and speedy John Beckett (E).

Defense, No. 1 in OC vs. Rushing, No. 2 over-all, lost two All-Americas; returns all deep backs, Jack Mackan (All-OC 2d team), Scott McDowell, Dave Poindexter and Dana Fertig, plus Scott Stevenson (E); Wes Bates (T) and Larry Peacock (LB).

MUSKINGUM (6-2-1, 5-2)—Bob Stokes' defense shut out 4 foes, yielded average of only 5.8 points and returns All-OC Eric Humston (E), All-OC Dave Heimerl (CB) and 2d team All-OC Todd Henderson (MG).

Muskie offense was 13th in OC, but should move up, despite loss of QB and 5 line starters. Big hope is switch to QB of Heimerl, southpaw passer and top runner (480Y as HB last year)—and sound leader. FB Fred Herdman (466Y) and HB Jim Griffin (256Y) also returning starters, joined by HB Ned Leibensperger.

Barry Parsons (E) and Dan McGartland (C) lone line returnees, but switches may help: McGartland to G (Mike McDermott to C), Henderson to T and CB Craig Rush to TE. Tom McGarrity (Cincinnati transfer) challenging Parsons.

Other defensive starters available: Tom Chain (E), Dan Ebenack (T), Jim Shideler (LB), Tom Gulling (CB), Bruce Baxter and Jim Heacock (S).

CAPITAL (5-3, 4-3)—No coach in league better fortified with returning starters than Gene Slaughter: 11 on defense; 8 on offense.

Three QB's worked last year, Steve Campbell, Joe McDonough and Charlie Hess. McDonough (39C, 588Y) probable starter, although Hess favored if knee sound. Three FB's, Bill Hawk (5 TD's), Steve Kocheran and Kevin Tumey, return, but incoming frosh Geoff Schmidt, power runner of state championship high team, might take over. HB's Ray Stegmeier and Colby Byron set.

Jim Tenbrink (23R, 261Y) and Ed Coy (E's); Steve LeFebvre (T) and Chris Iacobini and Bill Raudebaugh (G's) are line starters, with T's John Zechman (6-4, 240) and Roy Cederland (6-3, 225) experienced help.

Glenn Clark (LB), Nick Earl (E) and Pete Freeman (T) lead intact defenses that also includes Jerry Philhower (E), Greg Garman (T), Rick Foltz, Dave Bonvechio and Les Ritter (LB's) and George Quil, Tim Wagner and Larry Kenel (DB's).

WOOSTER (6-3, 5-2)—Jack Lengyel did it chiefly with frosh in '68; hence has wealth of returning talent, topped by OC; No. 2 rusher, HB Ed Thompson. Thompson had 5 games over 100Y rushing; 807 total, 2d in OC; scored 8 TD's; 8R for 64; ret KO's 281. All-OC HB Art Wilson missed '68 with injury, but expected back this fall.

QB Tom Boardman (55C, 655Y), WB Jeff Wise (336Y) (23R, 314Y) Ron Showalter (E, 18R, 222Y) and FB Tim Arndt resume, along with vets Steve Chase and Chuck Hoffman (E's); Bruce Chappelar and Dennis Warner (T's); Tim Horne and Bill Snowball (G's) and Morris Laatsch (C).

Defense has good basis in Dennis Salettel and Terry Hatcher (E's), Tom Krivos and Mike Kolody (T's) Duane White (MG) and Carter Smith, Dave Poetter, Jim Anadell and Ray Cook (B's). Rick Quayle and Rick Sollman also experienced DHB's.

BALDWIN-WALLACE (8-1, 4-0)—Graduation losses heavy, making repeat championship long-shot.

Lee Tressel's offense, No. 1 in OC, has five line starters, including All-OC Greg Nackley (G) and 6-4, 215 QB Mike Blake (55C, 904Y, 9 TD's). Reserves Mike Kovach (FB), Bill Lund, Bill Sigmund and Bob Terrell (HB's) replace two graduated All-OC backs.

Dennis Kalas (E), Larry Moon and Joe Salata (T's), Nackley and Tom Maher (G's) returning regulars, making this strong point.

Defense revolves around starters Steve Stohla (G), Greg Thomas (T) and Ron Stephonic (LB), but all other positions to be filled. Expect Tom LaRocca (E), Mike Hritz (T) and Bob Cutler (G) to shore up line; Bill Murton (LB), Dick Tressel, Dave Coad and Ted Stolberg to fill out secondary.

MARIETTA (7-2, 6-1)—Rebuilding job for Joe McDaniel, after school's best finish in years.

Offensive line intact except at SE, but both QB's graduated. Bob Hauser, 2-year letterman, is hope at signal spot. Running attack potent with HB's Chris Cortez (719Y) and Randy Reese (362Y). Steve Forbes (E, 28R, 361Y) will again be main target.

Bob Smith and Mike Lund (T's), Bill O'Grady and Dale Winters (G's) and Dick Vickers (C) resume regular line duties, making this strong point of Pioneers.

Defense, 4th in OC last year, lost four standouts, but McDaniel teams always tough. Mainstays will be vets Craig Nickerson and Dave Rader (E's), Al Miller (T), Wynn Kenyon (MG), Doug Jones (LB) and George Sauer and Tim Bailey (HB's).

DENISON (4-5, 2-4)—Keith Piper's 16th season (85-44-6) anchors on experience: 30 lettermen, including 11 regulars on both offense and defense.

QB's Eric Schultz (47C, 737Y) and Trevor Young (27C, 359Y), HB's Scott Trumbull (426Y) and Tom Sander (328Y) and FB Tom Hartzel (23R, 394Y) comprise excellent backfield, behind veteran line of Phil Wince (20R, 262Y) and Berkley Freeman (E's); Rick Engle and 2d team All-OC Ed Rowe (T's); Jim Lynn (G) and Tom Hattersley (C).

Defense equally set with '68 returnees Jeff Jokasky and Jack Tankersley (E's); Rowe and Rick Nodolny (T's); Craig Ritter, All-OC Henry Durand, Charley Scott and Bob Young (LB's) and Wince, Dave Atha and Scott Swank in secondary.

Sophs Jeff Male (HB) and Rick Lewis (SE) may figure in offense.

MOUNT UNION (5-4, 3-3)—Ken Wable has small nucleus of lettermen (26) and may have battle to match last year.

Raiders have first-team All-OC safetyman in Perry Bourn, who set league record and tied NCAA mark with 6 interceptions in single game and tied OC standard for season with 10. Also returning are George Bigham (E), Chuck Hinzman (T), Carson Brown (MG), Bob Beyer, Pat McGarvey and Jim Chain (LB's).

Wable used two backfields last year, with QB's Larry Kehres (51C, 437Y, 8TD's) and Bill Ungar, HB's Bucky Monroe (320Y, 5.4 av.) and Mike Di-

Blasi (125Y, 4.3 av.) and FB Joe Salpietra (141Y, 4.7 av.) available for '69. Big plus could be 6-3, 219 FB Mike Simington, transfer from Miami who missed '68 with broken ankle.

Mike Warbel and part-time regular Dennis Beresh (T's) and Dale Kanouse (G) anchor line rebuilding.

OTTERBEIN (3-6, 2-4)—Hopes for first winning season since '64 depend on defensive improvement.

QB Norm Lukey set school record for attempts (242), completions (127) and yards (1,556), accounting for 11 TD's. Flanker Pete Parker had 39R for 591 and six TD's, also school record, and SE Ken Jackson 15R for 258. Lukey was No. 2 in passing and 4th in OC total offense, and Parker, 3rd in receiving. Jackson may play TE this fall.

Rich Rawlins (6-3, 235) and Joe Bresson (T's); Bill Poock (G); Steve Laek (6-2, 235, C) and Mike Dear (190Y) and Eric Nuppola (TB) resume.

Defense, last in OC, has solid anchor of nine regulars: Keith Wakefield, E; Rawlins and Lou Lord, T; Jim Booker, MG; Butch Denney and Poock, LB; Doug Shackleford (who may also be SE on offense) and Jackson, CB; and Craig Weaver, S.

OBERLIN (2-5-1, 1-5)—Experienced offensive unit gives Bill Grice hopes of improvement. Incoming frosh crop may add some depth, which has been major problem in past.

QB Dan Duffey, No. 2 in OC total offense last year, marshals returning backfield of FB Paul Matus (403), HB's Robert Markwood and Chris Baymiller (22R, 224Y), behind line including regulars Steve Hicks (E, 15R, 240Y); Jerry Lattis and George Gulgas (T's); Robert Niehaus (G) and Donn Jacobs (C).

Defense hit hard by graduation. Holdover starters are Dale Nichols (G), and 2d team All-OCLB Fred Minnear and entire secondary, John Hunter, Paul Hairston, Jon Davies and James Fabian.

KENYON (5-4, 2-3)—Phil Morse's team went from winless to above .500, but may have trouble keeping pace.

QB Bill Christen, 3d in OC passing (112C, 1,376Y) and 1st in accuracy (.546); and HB Butch Black, 1st in punt returns and 10th in rushing (486Y); and All-OC Chris Myers (E, 6-3, 190), OC champ and one of national college leaders (86R, 1,157Y and 9 TD's), trigger potent offense. Big backs Barry Direnfeld (6, 205) and Roland Parson (6, 208) return, with Bart Ziurys.

Line intact except center: Paul Keiner and Myers (E's); Glenn Fritz and Frank Koucky (T's) and Don Herron and Dennis Puntel (G's). Gene Peterson and Dave Greenwood (T's); Ed Grzybowski, Jim Schneider and Parson (LB's) and Ned Geider and Keith O'Donnell (HB's) are defensive holdovers.

HEIDELBERG (2-7, 0-6)—Joe Malmisur's offense, last in OC in '68, should improve, but defense must be rebuilt and is question.

QB Don Kober had promising soph campaign

(82C, 847Y) and has talented help in HB Dave Kapes (415Y) and FB Roger Darino. Bob Roland (E), Bob Edwards (T) and Joe Rowland (G) are '68 regulars anchoring offensive line.

Dick Halsey (E), John Crecelius (T) and Dennis Lavelle (CB) only defensive starters available. Strong '68 frosh team should help plug gaps and add depth.

HIRAM (1-7, 0-7)—Only one winning season in last 12 and hopes slim for change in '69. Bob Dove must replace QB Al Feldman, who led OC in total offense and passing last year.

Attack will be centered around HB Nick Obramovich (345Y); FB Eric Thompson (19R, 219Y, 3 TD; also 4 TD by rushing); and SE Scott Ziemer (39R, 583Y).

INTERSTATE CONFERENCE

CENTRAL MICH. (7-2, 2-1)—Coach Roy Kramer's 19 returning lettermen include four All-Conference players—guard Fred Ferguson, tackle Mike Post, defensive back Bob Markey and defensive end Bucky Colton. He also has a valuable kicker in John Pahoski, who booted a record four field goals in one game, and a wealth of backfield material. The Chippewas have the league's only experienced quarterback in Bob Miles, a senior facing stiff competition from Colorado State transfer Randy Johnson.

ILLINOIS ST. (6-4, 2-1)—Coach Larry Bitcon had only one senior on his defensive unit last season, but losses are heavy from the most potent offense in school history. Two-time rushing leader Jed Waters (778 Y.) had knee surgery after a late-season injury and is expected to be as good as ever. Swift Guy Homoly, a defensive back who also takes a turn at split end, and 250-pound tackle Fred Beilfuss are strong candidates for national honors, and defensive back Jim Covert is also a three-year starter. In all, there are 25 lettermen plus a good yield from an undefeated freshman team.

EASTERN ILL. (4-5, 1-2)—Coach Clyde Biggers has 28 lettermen, so depth will not be the Panthers' most pressing problem. Defense will be the strong suit—tough linebackers John Allison and Steve Tatsum return, as does the entire defensive secondary of Clarence Whaley, Jack Terndrup and Bill Justice. The offense will improve if running back Larry Angelo, the 1967 MVP, recovers from knee problems.

WESTERN ILL. (2-7-1, 1-3)—The arrival of Darnell Mudra on the coaching scene may signal a gridiron renaissance. Last year he led Arizona to an 8-2 record and a berth in the Sun Bowl. He hopes for a quick improvement with a blend of junior college transfers and 23 holdover lettermen. Western returns a fine pass receiver in Ron Wilson, a veteran line anchored by tackle Tom Johnson and an experienced defensive backfield led by savvy safety Mike Wilson. The offense needs re-tooling.



PETE JOHNSON, Penn St. linebacker, takes off with interception for TD pursued by Navy's SCOTT MONSON (82) in 31-6 Lion win.

MIKE SMITH, defensive back for Penn State, does flip as he tackles Army's LYNN MOORE in champs' 28 to 24 win over Cadets.



MIKE REID, defensive tackle, is one of State's top All-America hopefuls.

JOE PATERNO, Penn State coach, has powerful hand for another Bowl champion.



BLOCK PARTY by Nittany Lions' offensive forward wall opens wide path for CHARLIE PITTMAN (24) to set sail to win over Middies. In game, Charlie racked up 162 yards; he had 973 on 186 carries.





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East

PENN STATE PICK TO SQUEEZE ORANGE OUT; PENN DARK HORSE IN IVY STAMPEDE

PREDICTIONS

Independents

1. Penn State	7. Holy Cross
2. Syracuse	8. Villanova
3. Army	9. Buffalo
4. Pittsburgh	10. Rutgers
5. Navy	12. Boston Univ.
6. Boston College	12. Colgate

Ivy League

1. Pennsylvania	5. Yale
2. Harvard	6. Brown
3. Princeton	7. Cornell
4. Dartmouth	8. Columbia

Middle Atlantic (Univ. Div.)

1. Delaware	5. Lafayette
2. Temple	6. Bucknell
3. Lehigh	7. Gettysburg
4. Hofstra	

Yankee Conference

1. New Hampshire	4. Maine
2. Connecticut	5. Rhode Island
3. Massachusetts	6. Vermont

Little Three

1. Amherst	2. Wesleyan	3. Williams
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It'll be a match race for the Lambert Trophy, and the winner should emerge Oct. 18 when Penn State goes to Syracuse. These two are the class of the field, and State is given the edge only because of the old axiom, "When in doubt, stick with the champion." The Nittany Lions won it last year and look almost as formidable again.

The Ivy League, conversely, will be an eight-team stampede and a real dark horse, Pennsylvania, is picked to win it behind quarterback Bernie Zbrzeznj, who is nothing to sneeze at. The Quakers moved way up last season and retain much of the same material. The Big Four—Harvard, Yale, Princeton and Dartmouth—won't step to the rear without a struggle, but all have their problems, making it an ideal year for an upstart to slip through.

Princeton must adjust to a new coach, Jake McCandless. Harvard has to repair its vaunted de-

fense, which led the Crimson to the co-championship with Yale last year. The Bulldogs are nearly toothless on offense with Brian Dowling and his friends graduated. Dartmouth will snap back from its first losing season in 13, but not quite far or fast enough. Brown is on the improve but remains a year or three away, while Columbia, with Marty Domres gone, will do well to hold onto sixth place.

No Ivy team figures to challenge Penn State and Syracuse for the No. 1 ranking in the East, nor does any other team, either. Army and Navy are having trouble trying to hold their own. The Cadets will need a new quarterback and defense to continue winning. Navy, under new coach Rick Forzano, will need fortitude with only 16 lettermen returning. Pittsburgh looms as the sleeping giant of the East. The Panthers are huge, physically, and they certainly had been snoozing for three years until new coach Carl DePasqua took them by the scruff in spring practice.

Boston College looks even stronger offensively but just as shaky on defense, while Holy Cross is a big question mark under first-year coach Bill Whittton. Villanova again needs a quarterback, but that didn't stop the Wildcats the past two seasons. Buffalo has a new coach, a new I formation but the same rich pool of talent on offense. Rutgers has come up with a squad capable of celebrating the 100th anniversary of its historic game with Princeton in festive style. Boston University needs a defense to match its offense, while Colgate is as green as tartar.

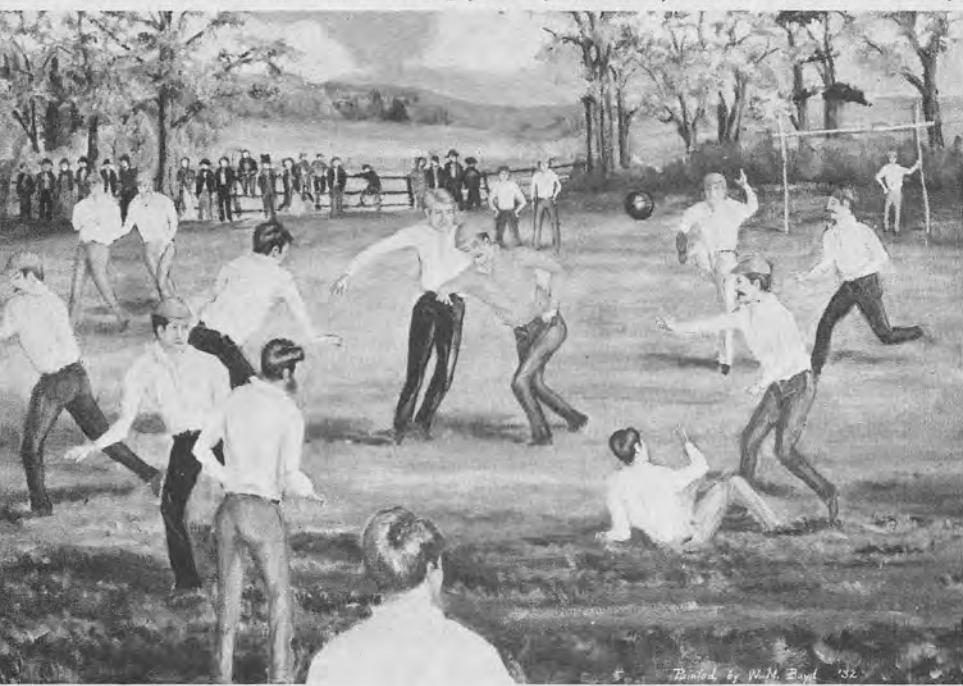
Delaware, like Penn State, could again dominate its realm. The Lambert Cup champion was rebuilding LAST year, when it won the Middle Atlantic Conference, the Cup and the Boardwalk Bowl. Temple, with a strong ground attack, again will make a run at the title, however. Lehigh continues to improve, Hofstra is certain to pose a challenge and Lafayette retains its devastating attack. Bucknell will be a factor if it can regroup under new coach Fred Prender.

The Yankee Conference seems to be split in two this year, with New Hampshire, Connecticut and Massachusetts in the top half. But Maine, Rhode Island and Vermont are capable of the upset, particularly the reviving Black Bears. New Hampshire and Massachusetts need solid quarterbacking, while the Uconns might have too many sophomores. But Rhode Island is thin, and Vermont slow.

Amherst should retain its Little Three crown, with Wesleyan and Williams fighting it out for sec-

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ARTIST's conception of America's first Collegiate football game, played between Rutgers and Princeton in New Brunswick, N.J. on Nov. 6, 1869. Painting, by William Boyd, a Rutgers alumnus, was authenticated as to details by surviving members of both teams. Official centennial bronze medal, by sculptor Justin Fairbanks, shows scene taken from an Arnold Friberg painting, official symbol of 100th anniversary.



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ond. Trinity and Springfield again look strong among the other independents.

The stars who shine on Saturday afternoon include some major constellations. Penn State has three All America candidates in linebacker Dennis Onkotz, defensive tackle Mike Reid and running back Charlie Pittman. Syracuse also has a trio in defensive end Lou Gubitosa, defensive tackle Ray White and fullback Al Newton.

Elsewhere, Army features two crack runners in fullback Lynn Moore and halfback Hank Andrzejczak, while Navy counters with halfback Dan Pike and middle linebacker Ray DeCario. Pitt pins its hopes on linebacker Ralph Cindrich and defensive back Charlie Hall. Boston College's mighty attack is led by quarterback Frank Harris and halfback Fred Willis, and Holy Cross will move with halfbacks Steve Jutras and Eddie Jenkins.

Villanova has a nifty receiver in end Tom Boyd, while Rutgers raves over quarterback Rich Policas- tro and tailback Bruce Van Ness. Buffalo boasts quarterback Mick Murtha and defensive tackle Dan Walgate, Boston University features halfback Bob Calascibetta and linebacker Pat Hughes, while quarterback Steve Gepel and halfback Dom Fischer make Colgate smile.

The headliners in the Ivy League figure to be quarterback Zbrzeznj, tackle Mike Chwastyk and center George Joseph of Penn; fullback Ellis Moore, defensive tackle Bob Hews and safetyman Keith Mauny of Princeton; offensive end Pete Varney and halfback Ray Hornblower of Harvard; defensive end Ernie Babcock and linebacker Rick Lease of Dartmouth. Also, Yale linebacker Andy Coe and offensive end Lew Roney; Brown halfback Gary Bonner; Cornell split end Rick Furbush and middle guard Theo Jacobs and Columbia end Bill Wazevich and linebacker Dick Alexander.

Middle Atlantic Conference stalwarts include quarterback Tom Di Muzio and fullback Chuck Hall of Delaware; fullback Frank DeBerardinis and halfback Stan Gemski of Temple; fullback Jim Petrillo and halfback Jack Paget of Lehigh; split end Bill Roca of Hofstra; Lafayette end Mike Miller and safetyman Tom McCombs; and Bucknell end Ken Donahue and defensive halfback Randy Ruger.

The Yankee Conference is high on New Hampshire center Dan Drewnick and linebacker Harry Kouloheras; Massachusetts end Nick McGarry and defensive end Tom York; Connecticut tailback Vinny Clements and rover back Mike Zito; Maine quarterback Dave Wing and split end Gene Benner; Rhode Island defensive tackles Warren Negri and Greg Bogdanich and Vermont's versatile Harry Canning.

The Little Three has at least five standouts—quarterback John Kehoe and linebacker Doug Swift of Amherst; quarterback Pete Panciera and linebacker Jeff Diamond of Wesleyan and tailback Jack Maitland of Williams.

The biggest fish in the smaller ponds include Tufts split end Rich Giachetti, Springfield fullback Dave Buddington, Ithaca halfback Rod Howell, Northeastern quarterback Bob Connors, Rochester

halfbacks Brian Miga and John Cogar, Bridgeport tailback Darrick Warner and Trinity quarterback Jay Bernardoni.

There were eight head coaching changes in the off-season. Alumnus Carl DePasqua resigned as a Pittsburgh Steelers aide to try to revive the Pitt Panthers, replacing Dave Hart. Rick Forzano took over from Bill Elias at Navy, while former Princeton aide Bill Whitton moved to Holy Cross when Tom Boisture left. J. L. (Jake) McCandless moved into the late Dick Colman's chair at Princeton. Former Harvard aide Pat Stark graduated to Rochester, and assistant Bob Deming moved up at Buffalo when Doc Urich went to Northern Illinois. Fred Prender is the new man at Bucknell, while Howard Shoemaker replaced Gene Haas at Gettysburg.

INDEPENDENTS

PENN STATE—Last year's Eastern and Orange Bowl champions haven't changed a great deal, although coach Joe Paterno tried a few experiments during spring practice. Returning to their old haunts are three genuine All America candidates—linebacker Dennis Onkotz, defensive tackle Mike Reid and running back Charlie Pittman—plus 38 lettermen in all. So all their 1968 honors could return to the Nittany Lions this year.

Other holdover starters on offense include guards Tom Jackson and Charlie Zapiec, center Warren Koegel and quarterback Chuck Burkart. Paterno is worried mostly about tackle and tight end on this unit. Linebacker Jim McCord tried to fill Ted Kwalick's huge shoes at tight end in the spring, and other possibilities are junior Jim Sample and sophomores Wayne Munson, Craig Lyle and Bruce Kordic. Guard Tom Jackson was tried at tackle, while reserve quarterback Wally Cirafesi and halfback Charlie Adams moved into the opening at split end.

On defense, the other returning regulars are

LOU GUBITOSA returns at end as one of cornerstones in Syracuse defense.

AL NEWTON (below), ace Orange runner, hit enemy lines for 618 yards in '68.



tackle Steve Smear, linebackers Pete Johnson, Jim Kates and Jack Ham and backs Mike Smith, Neal Smith and Paul Johnson. The ends are the coach's chief concern, so he tested letterman tackle John Ebersole and linebacker Gary Hull there.

Burkhart, with 87 completions for 1,170 yards last season, will sorely miss Kwalick, who caught 31 for 403 yards. But the running game will go as long as the talented Pittman (186 carries for 973 yards) stays healthy. Some good sophomores are coming up, too, notably halfback Lydell Mitchell and fullback Franco Harris.

Paterno, however, prefers to use these, along with such other top prospects as Munson, defensive halfback Stan Baran and linebacker Gary Gray, to keep the veterans from growing complacent after the first 10-0 season in Penn State history. If the Lions stay hungry, they should be kings again.

SYRACUSE—Coach Ben Schwartzwalder has produced 19 successive non-losing seasons here en route to a 130-62-2 record, and this one will make it 20. Ben has a juggernaut on offense, although a questionable defense might keep the Orange out of a bowl.

The offensive unit retains 10 of 11 starters, but a bold experiment by the coach might send quarterback Rich Panczyszyn to safety to shore up the defensive secondary. If so, Paul Paolisso, who completed 87 of 164 passes for 939 yards and six touchdowns last season, is the No. 1 quarterback and Schwartzwalder has great hopes for junior Ron Trask, even though he has never played a game at the position.

The coach intends to re-establish his famed running offense, although it didn't stray far last year as fullback Al Newton barged for 618 yards and tailback John Godbolt for 321. They return, along with Mike Chlebeck, Trask, Bill Knox and Lee Castner, and the undefeated freshman team sends up two crackerjacks in 215-pound Marty Januszkiewicz and speedster Greg Allen. Also on hand is last year's leading scorer, placekicker George Jakowenko, who had 25 PAT's and seven field goals for 46 points.

The two leading pass receivers return—tight end John Massis, whose 29 catches for 400 yards set single season records; and split end Tony Gabriel (28 for 365). But the regular split end will continue to be Bill Maddox, and the interior line stays the same—tackles Andy Fusco and John Cherundolo, guards Dave McCard and Jim Pritzlaff and center Gerry Vogt.

The defensive unit that ranked No. 4 in the nation loses six starters, plus two key subs, lineman Ron Womack and linebacker Bill Smith, both of whom gave up football for personal reasons. Returning, however, are All-America prospects Lou Gubitosa at end and Ray White (6-2, 223) at middle guard. Tom Hermanowski is an experienced halfback, but the line might need help from sophomores Joe Ehrmann (6-5, 256), Ted Lachowicz and Ray Jarosz. Linebacking also could be vulnerable, although Don Door, John Protz, Bob Schoonmaker and Bob Bancroft lettered last season.



JOHN BRENNER (above) is one of few defensive vets in secondary for Cadets.



LYNN MOORE takes over role of fullback as captain of this year's Army team.

ARMY—Coach Tom Cahill, who restored the Cadets to a 23-7 record the past four years, has another rebuilding job. Gone is much of the sturdy defensive unit and missing also is a proven quarterback. Roger Le Doux, who started the first two games in 1967 but did not letter last year, is the only experience at the position. He vied with juniors Bernie Wall and Bob Mohn during spring practice.

Capt. Lynn Moore has been switched from half-back to fullback, with two-year veteran Hank Andrzejczak and Bill Roden at the halfbacks. The offensive line features four returning starters—split end Joe Albano, tackle Don DeCort, guard Bill Jackson and center Ted Shadid. Letterman Paul Watkins moves in at the other guard, but a tackle and an end berth are wide open. Arden Jensen, who booted 31 of 32 conversion attempts and 11 of 18 field goal tries for 64 points, will put some thump into the attack.

The only holdovers on defense are end Bill Price, middle guard Joe Neuman and back John Brenner. Guard Ken Wyrick, linebacker Paul McDowell and back Tom Haller lettered last season and should be ready for regular duty. But Cahill is still sifting through his 100 candidates to fill the remaining gaps, and might be forced to call upon last year's sub-par Plebe team for reserve strength.

Lack of depth plus the problems at quarterback and on defense will make it tough for the Cadets to equal last year's 7-3 record. But Cahill's teams have a way of coming on strong.

PITTSBURGH—This might be the biggest team physically in Pitt's history, and it might be the biggest surprise, too. After floundering to a 3-27 record the past three years, the Panthers might find themselves under new coach Carl DePasqua. Unfortunately, they open their usual man-eating schedule at UCLA, at Oklahoma and at Duke, so it might take awhile before the fans discover them.



DENNIS FERRIS, Pitt fullback, sped over foes for 472 yards last campaign.

RALPH CINDRICH (left), alert middle linebacker, is a key Panther defender.

RAY DeCARLO is slated for leading duties on defense as Navy mid linebacker.

DAN PIKE (right) co-captain, was Navy's top rusher via 500-yard gain.

Even though 37 lettermen and 18 of 22 regulars return, DePasqua made wholesale changes in spring drills, mostly on offense. The Panthers' strength is defense, and here they're led by a sophomore who was red-shirted last year after injuring an ankle in the opening game, the 6-1, 225-pound Ralph Cindrich. He and halfback Charlie Hall are stickouts on a unit that includes two powerful tackles, Howard Broadhead (6-2, 250), and John Stevens (6-2, 242); holdover ends Paul Naponick (6-4, 240) and Bob Ellis (6-2, 215); veteran linebackers Jeff Brown and Dave McGrath and a secondary that contains 1968 starters George Pribish, Dave Dibbley and Jeff Barr.

The offensive platoon, conversely, will be larded with sophomores. Even though quarterback Dave Havern set three Pitt passing records last season, at 5-9 he might be too small to furnish the running threat DePasqua wants at the position. So the quarterback spot is uncertain, but the rest of the backfield remains intact with 230-pound fullback Tony Esposito, wingback Joe McKain and last year's leading ground gainer, tailback Dennis Ferris, who does the 40 in 4.4.

All seven line starters remain, but the new coach seems to prefer sophomores here, particularly tackles John Simpson (245) and Jack Dykes (240), guards Rick Lozier (245) and Dan Lynn (213) and center Bob Kuziel (6-4, 225).

DePasqua ventures no predictions but thinks the Panthers have shaken their underdog attitude, and he guarantees they'll hit. With all that beef, they'll hit like a stampede.

NAVY—New coach Rick Forzano took it all apart and started from scratch in spring practice, but with only 16 lettermen returning from a squad that was 2-8 and gave up 303 points last year, it'll take awhile. "With aggressiveness and attitude, however, we hope to overcome some of our shortcomings," says Forzano.

The coach made wholesale changes. He moved almost the entire offensive line to defense and put the outstanding Ray DeCarlo in the key middle linebacker slot in his new pro 4-3 alignment. Flanking DeCarlo will be lettermen Bill McKinney and former defensive end Tom O'Brien. The front four

is entirely new, with converted offensive tackle Wally Winslow and sophomore Frank Miller at ends, Dick Wheldon and regular offensive center Dick Wilkes at tackles.

The coach terms the secondary "very questionable", with safety Jeff Lammers the only proven performer. Sophomore Dan Weaver, Hall Dillon and veteran Tom Sher, victim of an ankle injury in the spring, lead the chase for starting berths.

On offense, Forzano rates his pass receivers as his strongest suit, even though none of them is experienced. Reserve Scott Monson has been promoted to starting flanker, sophomore Ron Lanning is at split end and Harry Landau has leaped from third string Jayvee to No. 1 tight end.

The interior line is more seasoned, with co-capt. Jeff Krstich and Mike Hecomovich at tackles, letterman Tim Cocoza and Chuck Boyer at guards, Don Gunther at center ousting letterman George Rodgers, who had an ankle injury all spring.

The quarterback is Mike McNallen, who ranked 23rd in the nation in 1968 with 124 completions for 1342 yards, but also threw 19 interceptions. Sophs John Lowry and Jim McArthur back him. Co-capt. Dan Pike, the top rusher with 500 yards, heads a strong crew of running backs that includes converted flanker Karl Schwelm, a 200-pounder who caught 26 passes for 350 yards last season; Tim O'Connell, John Middlebrook, Jeff Steelman and Ron Marchetti, the speed of the party.

Forzano says the Middies will hit, but the question is whether they can take a punch any better than last year.

BOSTON COLLEGE—The Eagles ranked third in the nation in total offense last year, averaging 462.3 yards per game. Coach Joe Yukica thinks they'll be even stronger and more consistent, which means they could better their 6-3 record against the same nine opponents.

Yukica cites quarterback Frank (Red) Harris and halfback Fred Willis as two of the best around at their positions. Harris completed 57 per cent of his 186 passes as a sophomore, while Willis averaged 7.3 yards in 68 carries, also caught 15 passes. Also returning are halfback Jim Catone and fullback Joe McDonald, but the speedballs figure to be soph-

omores Eddie Rideout, an elusive runner who can also throw, and 6-2, 205 pound Bill Thomas, who has speed and power. Steve Kives is a proven receiver at end, while big Bob Bouley anchors the interior line.

Yukica expects the ponderous Eagles to be "noticeably quicker" on defense, but also "decidedly inexperienced", with as many as five sophomores in starting roles. Linebacker John O'Hagen looks like the best of these, and he can also punt. The coach counts on four veterans to hold things together—Capt. and linebacker Jim McCool, tackles John Fitzgerald (6-5, 265) and Jim Millham and halfback Gary Dancewicz.

Dick Gill and Jim O'Shea are lettermen ends; Mike Corrigan, Mondell Davis and Gene Ferris had some seasoning at linebacker, and Bill Rabadian and Ed Ransford lend a little experience to the secondary.

If the defense does jell and the offense improves, Yukica's second year here will be another pleasant one.

HOLY CROSS—The Crusaders don't have spring practice so new coach Bill Whitton's present optimism may be tempered by reality.

The Crusaders have the potential to move the ball, if junior Mark Mowatt takes charge at quarterback. Steve Jutras, the leading rusher with 642 yards, is a bruising runner and also caught eight passes. Co-capt. Tom Lamb returns at fullback and flankers Charlie Lynch and Ed Murphy have good speed and hands. The star of the show, however, might be Eddie Jenkins, a swift, 6-2, 205-pound sophomore who carried 40 times for 140 yards in one game last fall. He's rated one of the best prospects in years at Holy Cross.

The offensive line is experienced, with holdovers Jim McClowry at right end, Gary Brackett and co-capt. Bill Moncveicz (6-3, 250) at tackles, Doug Kane at one guard and Vic Lewandowsky at center. Guard Charlie Butano left school but senior Sean Higgins could step in for him, while 6-4 Pete Stratton should be ready to replace All-East split end Bob Neary.

BOB BOULEY, 6-3 and 240, is bulwark of Boston College hefty interior line.

FRANK HARRIS (below) hit for 1398 yards and 13 TDs on 106 pitches as a soph.

Defense is a sadder story. Ends Brian Powers and Bob Piepul return, and Tom Walmsley and Ed McGilvery should be ready for full-time duty at the tackles. But depth is a severe problem and Mark Doherty, who might get a tryout at quarterback, and Frank Kittredge are the only experienced linebackers. Bill Adams, a 6-2, 235-pound sophomore, could help that problem.

The secondary is stronger, featuring three holdovers in Bill Stachowski, Tom Doyle and Mike Jordan, who had seven interceptions in seven games in 1968. Two-year letterman John O'Sullivan will help.

This is a big, powerful team that needs a spark at quarterback and some glue and baling wire on defense to better last year's 3-6-1 showing.

VILLANOVA—For the third consecutive year the Wildcats lack an experienced quarterback but coach Jack Gregory hopes it turns out as well as last season, when linebacker John Sodaski developed into a record-breaking passer. The candidates this time are senior Terry Cunningham, coming off a knee operation, junior Joe Belasco and sophomores Drew Gordon, Darrell Woodring and Rich Reiprich.

The rest of the backfield is set, with leading scorer Bill Wallik and senior John Stopper at the halfbacks and lettermen Mickey Kerins and Mark Kirkland at fullback. Sophs Luke Solomon and Pat Hurley will help, too.

The eventual quarterback will have no lack of pass receivers, led by All America prospect Tom Boyd, who holds all the school's receiving records. He's joined by Mike Siani, who caught 14 touchdown passes for last year's undefeated freshman team. Chuck D'Agostini returns at tight end, and more help might come from Olympic silver medal hurdler Erv Hall, who wants to try his speed as a wide receiver.

The offensive line is highly questionable, however, and might depend upon sophomore tackles Jim Johnson, Bill Marshall and Jack Kasper and guard Bill Turchetta.

The big problem on defense is to fill the void left by 6-7, 270-pound tackle Richie Moore, the No. 1 draft choice of the Green Bay Packers. Letterman John Treacy (6-3, 240) mans the other tackle slot and Bill Dailey and Ray Michaels return at end, but could be pressed by sophomores Paul Zangrilli and Mike Berrang. Junior Bill Brannan might be joined by sophs John Babinecz and John Keim at linebacker, while co-capt. Gene Arthur heads the secondary.

The coach says his rebuilding program enters its third phase this year, but whether the Wildcats can improve on last year's 6-4 record depends on many improbables.

BUFFALO—New coach Bob Deming has shifted personnel and revised the offense since taking over from Doc Urich last February. The Bulls will now run out of an 'I' formation with split end, and run they should, too. Deming has an array of talented backs, including quarterback Mick Murtha, right



half Pat Patterson, fullback Joe Zelmanski and left half Scott Herlan, a transfer from Syracuse.

Co-capt. Paul Lang and Terry Endress hold forth at tight end; Chris Wolf, Tom Centofani and John Rio are experienced tackles but Bill Hayden is the only letterman at guard so fullback Gary Chapp will be tried here. Split end could go to defensive halfback Dick Horn, or sophomore Denny Waggoner.

Four ends return on defense, including starters Prentis Henley and Tom Vigneau, plus Tom Murphy and Bob Kovey, who was injured all last season. Dan Walgate, at 6-2, 265, is a pro prospect at tackle, and 250-pound Barry Atkinson holds down the other tackle. The linebacking is particularly strong with co-capt. Scott Clark, Jim Mosher, Mike Luzny and Ed Kershaw. Luzny, All-East as a sophomore, is coming back from a knee injury. The secondary is almost two-deep everywhere, with Len Nixon, Karl Zalar, Gary Grubbs, Tom Elliott and Joel Jacobs.

If the new coach can get his system installed in time, the Bulls could equal or top last year's 7-3 record.

RUTGERS—If the first 100 years are the hardest, things should start looking up for the Scarlet Knights. They'll re-enact the 100th anniversary of the first intercollegiate football game in history against Princeton Sept. 27, and if they can pull out another victory, six goals to four, coach John Bateman will be delighted.

They might, too. This is a talented squad, led by quarterback Rich Policastro, who threw 15 touchdown passes and led the team to five consecutive wins after taking over last year. His three top receivers also return—Bob Stonebraker, Al Fenstermacher and Jim Benedict. And for some classy running there's tailback Bruce Van Ness.

The interior line was riddled by graduation, but for a nucleus Bateman has tackle Mike Kizis, and center John Orrizzi, plus reserve guard John Langerus.

Eight starters return on defense, headed by linebackers Lee Schneider and Drew Forash and tackle Len Novelli. The others are end Rich Bonsall, tackle Jim DiGiacinto, end Mike Pellowski, line-

MIKE MURTHA (left) is back as Buffalo quarterback after missing 1968.

MIKE LUZNY, All-East as sophomore linebacker also comes back after injury.

backer Larry Clymer and halfback Jim Renshaw. Leading reserves who may move up include linebackers Kevin O'Connor, Steve Boyd and Bob Copola, tackle Paul Milea and back Sam Chapman.

If the defensive secondary and offensive line firm up, the Knights should start their second 100 years on the right foot.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY—The Terriers expect to move the ball, provided the shoulder injury quarterback Pete Yellen suffered late last season doesn't hamper his throwing. Even so, coach Warren Schmakel can again turn to Bob Calascibetta, who stepped in the final two games and passed for 391 yards. Calascibetta also led the team in scoring with 42 points, however, so Schmakel would rather keep him at halfback to team with 6-2, 230-pound fullback John Rafalko, the leading rusher with 534 yards. The other halfback will be either Gary Capehart or Glenn Williams, but sophomore Kirk Hillman has the speed to beat out both of them.

The line is sound, with John Cambest, Wayne Baldwin and Frank Jewett at the ends and lettermen John Dorris, Darryl Hill, Mark Tortora, Steve Bogner, Bill Soucy, Gerald Huston and Tim Johnson inside.

Schmakel is worried about his defense. Pat Hughes, the 6-3, 230-pound ace linebacker, looked better than ever in spring drills, and other standouts are cornerback Fred Barry and safety Bruce Taylor. Junior Jay Dixon is a potential stickout up front, where he'll team with Dick Suker, Dave Blanchard and Dick Devore, but the rest is unsettled.

If Fred McNeilly has recovered from a broken arm, he'll bolster the linebacking. Jim Norris heads a secondary that will probably include Rich Cullen, Mike Michaud, Frank Rezutti and John Burke. But depth is lacking throughout and Schmakel might have to turn to sophomores if injuries hit.

With their offense, however, the Terriers are capable of another 5-3 season, or better.

COLGATE—Coach Neil Wheelwright will build his offense around 6-2, 210-pound quarterback Steve Goepel, a strong runner and good dropback passer, but inexperience might hurt the Red Raiders elsewhere. As many as eight sophomores might start.

Goepel should get good protection from a line that includes the veterans Eric Perlmuter at tight end, Ken Giffune at left guard, Fred Baser at center and two-year starter Pete Burbulis at right tackle. Tom Bara should move up to No. 1 left tackle, but the right guard will be one of three sophomores—Ken Michaels, Pete Avaolone or Bob Johnston. Three more sophomores—Mike Harlow, Dick Kay and John Harms—threaten junior Randy MacKenzie's hold on left end.

Sophs John Robertson and Roy Knauer are the back-up quarterbacks, while sophs Ralph Heide, Steve MacPeek and Bob Lee should offer some respite to workhorse halfback Dom Fischer, who carried a record 54 times in the Bucknell game last season en route to a 731-yard campaign. Senior Bob Scott is at fullback, while capt. Al Klumpp will



play halfback or flanker, depending on the set.

Bill Glenn anchors the new five-man defensive front at middle guard. Two-year starter Phil Corrinet is at right tackle, junior Jim Locke the probable left tackle. Dick Schaefer returns at one end, but the other is open. Eric Anderson is a holdover linebacker, reserve Frank Migliorino moves up to start, but four sophs will be the keys here—Brian Houseal, John Kucharik, Mike Rainnie and Nick Staresinic. The secondary of Clark McKissock, Craig Moore, Chuck Fox and Fred Wendel returns intact, but 6-2 soph Doug Willies might break in somewhere.

IVY LEAGUE

PENNSYLVANIA—Most of the cast that led the Quakers to a surprising 7-2 record last season is back, so look out above. Returning are ace quarterback Bernie Zbrzeznj, who passed for 1,278 yards in 1968; Dave Graham (34 catches) and Pete Blumenthal (39); plus a strong runner in fullback Bill Sudhaus. Missing, however, is halfback Gerry Santini, whose 880 yards made him the best ground gainer in Penn history. So coach Bob Odell will have to spruce up the running attack to help out the passing before the Quakers move into the lead.

The backfield is the problem on defense, too, with John Brown and Steve Steinberg the only veterans. Mark Warner is the lone letterman at linebacker, but the line is sturdy with All-Ivy tackles Mike Chwastyk (6-2, 227) and Jim Fuddy (6-2, 215); holdover ends Ben Gifford and Charlie Ketchey and senior Dave Pottruck, a standout who has alternated between linebacker and middle guard.

The offensive line revolves around capt. George Joseph, "the finest center around," according to his coach. Joe Armao and Chris Lambertsen are lettermen guards and they'll all be blocking for Eliot Berry, the squash player who kicked the winning points in five games while booting seven field goals and nine conversions last season.

Coach Odell is understandably wary about his squad's attitude after last year's sudden success. But it'll be tough for anybody to beat the Quakers if they don't beat themselves.

MIKE CHWASTYK, Quaker All-Ivy tackle, is major factor in Penn's title bid.

GEORGE JOSEPH (below), iron man center, is ideal man to captain Penn team.



HARVARD—Only three starters return from the defensive unit that backboned last year's surprising 8-0-1 entry so the Crimson isn't likely to go unbeaten again. Coach John Yovicsin has 20 lettermen overall, however, so his team will remain in contention.

The defensive stalwarts are capt. John Cramer at end, Gary Farneti at linebacker and Rick Frisbie at cornerback. Seniors Rick Berne and Ed Sadler are likely tackle starters, with letterman Dale Neal moving up to a regular linebacking post. Neil Hurley is at the other corner, juniors Bill Kelly and Fred Martucci at the deep safeties. Middle guard and the other end are up for grabs.

Frank Champi, who rushed in to rally the Crimson to their 29-29 tie with Yale, is the quarterback provided he can hold off Joe Roda, a transfer from Villanova. The offensive unit has six returning starters in all, led by big Pete Varney (6-2, 245) at end and speedy Ray Hornblower at halfback. Varney led the team with 20 receptions good for 306 yards and caught the conversion pass that tied Yale. Hornblower was the top rusher with a 5.2 average. The Crimson is deep in running backs, with John Ballantyne, sophomore Steve Harrison and the highly-touted Richie Szaro, benched all last season with injuries. Fullback is also strong with senior Gus Crim and junior Tom Miller.

Bruce Freeman is at the other end, seniors Fritz Reed and Bob Dowd return at the tackles, but the middle of the line is unsettled. Right now, Bob Teske leads the centers while Drew Czulewicz and John Cassis are the guards. The kicking game, always stressed by Yovicsin, is solid with punter Gary Singleterry and placekicker Szaro.

With a little bit of the luck they enjoyed last year, the Crimson could remain on top.

PRINCETON—Jake McCandless, the new head coach, will trust to a veteran defensive platoon to hold the fort until he can get things organized. Nine defensive starters are included in the 26 lettermen returning, led by two-year regular tackle Bob Hews and All-Ivy safety Keith Mauney. Other veterans in the secondary include Robby Bordley, Peter Lips, Mike Manzo, Jack Hess and Jeffrey Davis while the holdover linebackers are Arnold Holtberg,

JOHN CRAMER (right), Harvard's captain, is a strong, and capable end.

RAY HORNBLOWER, swift senior back, averaged 5.2 yards for Cantabs in '68.





ELLIS MOORE, Princeton fullback, had 16 scores and over 1,150 yards rushing.

BRIAN McCULLOUGH (left) scored 13 touchdowns as a soph tailback for Tigers.



JIM CHASEY hit on 36 of 65 passes and ran for 4.3 yards per norm as Dartmouth QB.



ERNIE BABCOCK (right) Big Green co-captain, is shifting to defensive end.

Ron Miles, Dennis Burns and Chris Waugh.

The offensive backfield is equally deep, with seven of the top eight backs returning, led by capt. Ellis Moore, a powerful breakaway runner who has scored 16 touchdowns and gained over 1,150 yards in two seasons. The Tigers are solid at the key position, tailback, with junior Brian McCullough, who compiled 1,100 yards in total offense last year, and the versatile Scott MacBean, who gained 831 yards, scored four touchdowns and passed for two more. Dan White returns at quarterback, supported by letterman Jon Wright, while Chris Montgomery can spell Ellis at fullback and Peter Hauck is an experienced halfback.

The offensive line is the new coach's major concern. He'll try to piece together a new one from such seasoned stock as ends Mark Biros, Tom Hutchinson, Jim Nixon, Paul Miller and Dick Williamson; tackle Ed Gondolf and guards Mike Guerin and Art Ellis. Sophomore Emil Deliere could move in at guard. Other top soph prospects are linebacker Phil Barbaccia, tailback-safetyman Rod Plummer and defensive end Steve Sikora.

McCandless plans to keep things as simple as possible to smooth the transition, but concedes that he'll have to make changes. "Adaptations on a theme will be our general policy," he says. If the Tigers adapt fast enough, they'll better last year's 4-5 showing.

DARTMOUTH—The Indians finished out of the first division for the first time in the league's 13-year formal history in 1968, but it's not likely to happen again. Coach Bob Blackman has 31 lettermen returning, although the Big Green might lack the size and speed to scramble all the way back to the top.

The defense will be the strong suit, led by 6-5, 220-pound end Ernie Babcock. If Larry Killgallon recuperates from the broken leg that shelved him last year, he'll anchor the line at middle guard, backed by 5-10, 190-pounder Trip Dorkey. Lettermen Lou Maranzan is at the other end, Mike Brooks and Bill Skibitsky at the tackles.

Rick Lease, a two-year starter, is the star linebacker, aided by his fellow townsman from Chesterland, Ohio, Bill Munich, plus Bob Tufts and Russ Adams. Murry Bowden, a hard hitter, is the

rover back and the secondary is well-seasoned with Joe Adams, Russ Adams and Jack Roberts.

Blackman alternated Bill Koenig and Jim Chasey at quarterback last year, would like to settle on one or the other now, but it's a battle. Clark Beier, the leading rusher with a 4.9 average, returns at halfback, along with the man he replaced, Bob Mlakar, who broke a leg on the final play of the second game. Tom Quinn and John Short give depth to the position, while sophomore Stu Simms is the leading prospect at fullback.

Jack Wimsatt is the only experienced offensive end, but the interior line features lettermen Bob Peters and John Ritchie at the tackles, Dave Mills and Jim Wallace at guards, and Mark Stevenson at center. If 227-pound Dave Hetzel has recovered from knee surgery, he'll help at tackle.

After the siege of injuries last season, Blackman is even more pessimistic than usual. But if the Big Green stays healthy, they should better last year's 4-5 record.

YALE—The squad that was 16-1-1 over the past two seasons has been ravaged by graduation. Gone are nine starters on defense, five on offense including the entire backfield featuring all-everything quarterback Brian Dowling. "But," says coach Carmen Cozza, "we've learned to win and we're counting on the momentum we've built up over the last two years to help our rebuilding project."

The Elis have more than momentum. Lew Roney is a superb offensive end; Jack Perkowski, Bart Whitman and Brad Lee are veteran linemen and Bob Kropke and Buzzy Potts are good ball carriers. Pat Duffy, a 215-pound sophomore, will move from fullback to halfback and to get even more speed, Cozza will shift sprinter Don Martin from defense to offense.

Juniors Bob Bayless or Joe Massey will win the unenviable task of replacing Dowling. Bayless, a rugged 6-0, 195, has a strong arm and is a punishing runner. Massey is smaller at 5-10, 170, but quicker and can also throw.

Capt. Andy Coe, who started every game for two years, heads a defensive unit that has quality if not quantity. Coe could be an All-Ivy linebacker and other 'Ivy' candidates are end Jim Gallagher and



THEO JACOBS, middle guard, is one of three defensive Cornell veterans.

BILL ARTHUR (left) is triple-threat vet for Big Red at quarterback post.

LEW RONEY supplies drive at end to keep Yale rolling in Ivy League title race.

ANDY COE (right), Eli captain, heads stalwart defensive brigade at end post.

tackle Tom Neville. If Jack Shaw shakes the knee injuries that plagued him last year he'll be the other defensive end. If not, it's a scramble among five candidates. Rich Lolotai, back in school after a year away, could step into the other tackle slot, while 185-pound Milt Puryear is the heir apparent at middle guard. The other linebacking spot is wide open.

Both ends, one tackle and center are the problem areas on offense; middle guard, one tackle, end and linebacker are uncertain on defense. Depth will be an over-all problem. "I don't see how we can be picked to finish in the first division," says Cozza. Some will do it from habit alone.

BROWN—Coach Len Jardine is counting on the best sophomore crop in 15 years to give him his first winning record in three seasons here. "They'll give us more size and agility," says Jardine, "but they'll be sophomores and make the usual sophomore mistakes. We expect our over-all play to be improved, however. We'll have more speed and a much more balanced attack."

The likeliest sophs are 185-pound halfback Gary Bonner, who set Brown freshman rushing records with 824 yards and 54 points; halfback Tom Spotts, ends Roger Quinn and Ralph Vuono, tackles Jack Thompson, Tom Moser and Dave Siegfried, guard Jay Bartley, linebacker Steve Bennett and defensive backs Kurt Franke and Bob Wieck.

They'll be needed most in the interior offensive line, which was undermanned last season. Guard Pat McCarthy and 6-4, 220-pound tight end Jim Lukens are holdovers, and Delos Hibner could move up to starting center. But the rest is anybody's guess.

Junior Bryan Marini should come into his own at quarterback after completing 46 passes for 394 yards last season. Fullback Gerry Hart is a strong blocker and Bob Flanders is a solid all-around halfback provided his knee is sound.

The defensive unit is much more settled, with eight returning starters including end John Stone, tackle Pete Zwarg, linebackers Dave Chenault and Tony Renzi and backs Spencer Crew, Pat Foley, Bill O'Donnell and Greg Kuhn.

The Bruins will be erratic but should be a strong-

er factor in the Ivy race than last year's 2-7 entry.

CORNELL—Coach Jack Musick intends to shake up this squad after last year's disappointing 1-6 Ivy record and seventh-place finish. For example, six starters return along the offensive line but only split end Rick Furbush and guard Dennis Huff are assured of jobs. Musick may go with his sophomores here and in the backfield, too, where quarterback Bill Arthur, who runs, passes and punts, is the only veteran. The 6-2, 200-pounder averaged 4.2 yards in 46 carries and had a 38-yard punting average, but his passing has to improve.

The likeliest sophomores are Ed Marinaro (6-3, 205), who could be the power runner the Big Red has lacked for two years; halfbacks Jim O'Hagan and Mike Phillips, and fullback Chuck Parr, who'll battle it out with junior Tom Leonard and senior Frank Bennett. Halfback John Morehouse, a transfer from West Point, is another newcomer to watch.

Musick hopes sophs Jim Parolie or Gerry Miknis can back up Arthur, otherwise he might switch Furbush to quarterback. The top sophomore linemen are center Dave Carlson, tackles Craig Lambert (240) and Charlie Matthews (230).

The defensive platoon may turn to sophomores in sheer desperation. Only three regulars return—co-capt. Theo Jacobs at middle guard, Keith Cummings and Tom MacLeod in the secondary. Gary Cokins came on strong as a linebacker last season, however, and Gary Ervick, another junior, performed well at end. Vc Livingston, 6-4, 215, should be the other end if he's healthy. Sophomores who'll challenge for defensive posts include end Dick Fauntleroy, tackles Lee Wallace and Fred Bohen, guard Ed Shay, and backs Mike Kozel, Mike Capp, Don Jean and Bob Fleming, and linebacker Bob Profusek.

Musick's record was 12-5-1 until last season's inexplicable collapse, but with all these sophomores, it might take another year to get moving again.

COLUMBIA—The Lions jumped from eighth to sixth place in 1968 but they lack the horses to keep climbing this season. Gone is quarterback Marty Domres, one of the best passers in the country, and to replace him coach Frank Navarro will have to



RAY RAMSEY provides strength and speed at defensive end for Columbia.

BILL WAZEVICH (left) led Ivvies with 618 yards on 47 catches for four Lion TDs.

turn to two sophomores, 6-2, 202-pound John Daurio and Jeff Doolittle. Both can throw and they'll have excellent receivers in end Bill Wazevich, the second-leading Ivy League pass catcher last year; fullback Kevin Brown and sophomores Mike Jones and John Sefcik.

The Lions lack a running game, however, so Navarro plans to switch co-capt. Ken Alexander from the defensive backfield to tailback, where he'll join letterman Paul Burlingame. Another possibility here is junior Jim Hall, a starting defensive end in '68. They'll get ample daylight from a holdover line that includes tackles Frank Furillo and Jim Wascura, guards Bob Hackett and Mike Shane and center Keith Burd.

The defensive front is also laced with veterans, including ends Art Malley, Ray Ramsey and Bill Reed; middle guard Bill Boczkowski and linebackers Dick Alexander and Joe Topich. Alexander and Ramsey, along with Furillo and Hackett, won All-Ivy honorable mention last season. The defensive backfield is solid, led by two-year lettermen Jeff Blake and Lenny Hammers.

The Lions have 20 lettermen, including 14 hold-over starters, but their fate will rest in the hands of those sophomore quarterbacks.

YANKEE CONFERENCE

NEW HAMPSHIRE—Coach Jim Root brought the Wildcats into a tie for the conference title in his first try last year, and he might even top that this season with 24 lettermen returning. He needs an experienced quarterback, however, and some repairs on the defensive platoon.

Letterman Walter Beatty gets first shot at the quarterback job, with sophomore Bill Murdock right behind him. The Wildcats have four seasoned halfbacks in Chip Breault, Carl DeFilippi, Art Randlett and Bob Rudolph, and two experienced fullbacks in Mike Shaughnessy and Dave Sullivan.

Co-capt. Dan Drewniak at center anchors an offensive line that includes ends Bob Rochichaud and Peter Toohey, tackles Jim Koshko and Cliff McDonald and guards Bill Smagula and Chuck Lepisto.

The defensive front needs reinforcing, but co-

capt. Harry Koulheras tops a strong linebacking squad that includes Dick Gordon and Jim Ramsey. The secondary appears set with Bob Cross, Bob Kemp, Reno Regis and Rober Wiebush. The only veterans up front are ends Brett Bernier and Greg Kolinski and guard Ed Savage, however.

This should be a winning team, a championship one if the quarterbacking comes around.

CONNECTICUT—The big question, says coach John Toner, is whether he can fill 11 of his 22 starting positions with sophomores and expect to win? The odds, of course, are against him.

The sophs are good ones, however, and they'll be steadied by the sight of tailback Vinny Clements, the 6-3, 205-pound ECAC Sophomore-Of-The-Year in 1968. Although he missed almost three games with an injured foot, Clements smashed three UConn single seasons records—for net yards (962), gross yards (1,006) and most carries (186). He's also a good pass receiver, which will help Rick Robustelli, moving up to No. 1 quarterback. John Crisp, 6-4, 195, returns at flanker after a year away, joining holdover John Passarini, and rover back Mike Zito, only 5-6, 165, will come over from the defense to help out the pass-catching department.

The offensive line retains ends Paul Tortolani and Tony Casarella and guards Tony Arcaro and Bill Spencer. The defensive front includes lettermen ends Ralph Tiner and Tim Armour, tackle Chuck Goode and middle guard Phil Doran. But Brian Hermes is the only veteran linebacker, along with Zito.

The sophomores Coach Toner will rely most upon are linebacker Richie Savage and tackle Randy Hooks on defense; fullback Mike Grosso, tackle Bill Tuzil, tight end Bernie Lefkowitz and halfback Ray Brickley on attack.

The UConnns were 4-6 last season but all four victories came in conference play. If they can be as judicious this time, they might be co-champions again.

MASSACHUSETTS—Last season was coach Vic Fusia's first losing one in eight, and with the help of 30 lettermen, it won't happen again. Fusia hopes that Tim Adams will take charge at quarterback and has a strong running attack with halfbacks Jerry Grasso and Pat Scavone and fullback Ed Sarno. And for punt and kickoff returns there's defensive halfback Steve Parnell, who has averaged 11 yards per punt return and 25 yards on kickoffs the past two years.

Up front, 6-5, 215-pound tight end Nick McGarry is a real stickout, catching 22 passes for 325 yards and four touchdowns in 1968. Jim Long and Don Young also return on the flanks. Fusia's prime concern is his interior line, although he has a host of veterans to choose from, including tackles Mike Cooney, Dick Donlin and Jim Nangle, guards Bruce Fulton and Pierre Marchando and center John Dubzinski.

Co-capt. Tom York, an All-Conference end, was the mainstay of the overworked defensive unit last year. He'll be rejoined by ends Dave Walsh and Russ Wood, tackles Marty Scheralis, Mark Toner



VINNY CLEMENTS, ECAC
Soph of Year, carries mail
again in UConn backfield.

MIKE ZITO (20) Conn.
kickoff return specialist
meets **FRANK REZUTTI (36)**
and **JOHN BURKE** of BU.

and Bill Sroka, guard Andy Guarino, linebackers Don Dotson, John Farrelly, Larry Fortunoff, Dennis Gray, Bill Byron and Dick Dyer, halfback Parnell and safetyman Steve Rogers.

Fusia expects help from such sophomores as end John Hulecki, tackle Bill Donlin, guard Bill DeFlavio, backs Mike Sawyer, Jim Kiley, Dennis Keating and Dick Cummings.

MAINE—The Black Bears appear to be on the prowl again after two years in hibernation. Their offensive unit is a veteran one, led by the passing combination of quarterback Dave Wing to split end Gene Benner. The running attack is strong, too, headed by two elusive halfbacks, Bob Hamilton, last year's top ground gainer, and Dan Sullivan. Sophomores Bill Swadel and Jim Hayes will help out.

There are 30 lettermen on this squad, but depth could be a problem on defense, particularly up front. Mark Richardson, Allen Lee, David Coltin and Jim Fitzgerald are experienced linebackers, and the secondary retains Chris Eaton, Bill Johnston, Tom Jordan, John Collins and Joe Hochadel.

Coach Walter Abbott hopes he has enough material over-all to better last year's 3-5 showing and perhaps muscle into the conference race.

RHODE ISLAND—Coach Jack Zilly will rely on a veteran defense until the offense jells, which might not take long. He's got 10 lettermen on the offensive unit, including ends Mark McGroarty and Jim Rowley, tackle Larry Williams, guards Jay Monaghan and Gerry Sullivan, halfbacks Dick Narcessian, Pat Spitaletta and Steve Stramm and fullback Tom Wheeler, plus kicker Steve Collis.

Missing, however, is an experienced quarterback to replace the outstanding Larry Caswell, and lacking also is reserve strength.

The defense is in much better shape, led by tackles Greg Bogdanich and Warren Negri. Also returning are end Mike Healy, tackle John Devaney, guards Bill Phinney and Tom Thurber, linebackers Bob McAllister and Dave McBrair, and halfbacks Paul Carney, Bill Dolan and Jim Engott.

Unless the offensive line and quarterback shape up in a hurry, the Rams will be hard put to better last year's 3-6 finish.

VERMONT—The Catamounts have 26 lettermen, so numbers shouldn't be the problem it was last year when coach Bob Clifford was down to 38 able-bodied crewmen at one stage. Clifford faces a stiffer schedule, however, so his record might not be better than last year's 3-6.

Even with depth, the coach will continue to switch versatile Harry Canning from offensive halfback to defensive end. Canning was used on offense in the final two games in 1968 and rushed for 463 yards. Other holdovers in the backfield are quarterback Frank Peterson, halfbacks Bob Shookus, Dennis Robinson and Pete Clifford and fullbacks Harold Doria, Pete Gianocopoulos and Dick MacDonough. Bob Rodger is the top sophomore here.

Gene Monahan, Andy Sardonis and Bill Bonczek are experienced ends, while the returning interior linemen are Ron Gargano, Larry Kelly, Paul McKane, Ira Gordon and Bob Lynch.

Gerry Elliott and John Wojciechowski lead a seasoned defensive line, but the secondary is questionable, especially on pass defense. This, plus a lack of team speed, could keep the Catamounts out of the pennant fight.

MIDDLE ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

DELAWARE—Last year was supposed to be a rebuilding one, so all the Blue Hens did was win the conference title, capture the Lambert Cup and beat Indiana (Pa.) in the Boardwalk Bowl. Coach Tubby Raymond doesn't know what he can do for an encore, but chances are he'll think of something.

This is a better team, on paper, than last season's 7-3 outfit. The offense is headed by quarterback Tom DiMuzio, who set the school one-season total offense record last fall, and fullback Chuck Hall, who was the main reason the Blue Hens were the nation's best small college rushing team with a 315.8 per game average.

Raymond's main problem on offense seems to be how to find spots for two talented sophomore running backs, Gardy Kahoe and Bill Armstrong.

The defensive unit isn't quite so well-heeled with three starters graduated, but it won't lack for quality with All-East linebacker John Favero and safetyman Dick Keller still around.

It looks like another big year for the Little Giant of the East.

TEMPLE—The Owls won't fly this season, but they should roll along the ground. With his superb passing combination of John Waller to Jim Callahan graduated, coach George Makris will turn to a corps of good runners, including fullback Frank DeBardinis and halfbacks Stan Gemski and Stan Busch, who hopefully has recovered from a knee injury. Sophomores Herb Grimes, Bob Tarola and Ron Nemshick add depth.

Newcomers Terry Scalese and Doug Shobert are the top quarterback candidates, and they'll throw to flanker Jim Watson and split ends Jerry Lovilio and George Chaisson, a sophomore. The offensive line is studded with veterans, including tight end

Doug Padla, tackle Joe Famille, guards Jim Fati-gate, Lou Russo and John DiYenno and center Dan Mackowsky.

The defensive front also is solid, with ends Jim Muller and Joe Mesko, tackles Marteen Jones and Allan Smith and middle guard Steve Caporiccio, who has been switched from offensive tackle. George King and Tom DeNiro are seasoned line-backers, but Chris Fletcher may be the only stand-out in the secondary if Dave Puchalski and Hugh Glassey don't snap back from injuries.

With 28 letterman and a good crop of sophomores, Makris is understandably optimistic.

LEHIGH—The Engineers enjoyed their best season since 1962 last year and hope to improve on it this fall. With 31 lettermen available, they very well might.

Coach Fred Dunlap had made one big change, switching tailback Jim Petrillo to fullback in order to get him and Jack Paget in the same backfield. Dunlap alternated the two last season and Petrillo gained 819 yards, Paget 607 and scored 11 touchdowns. To make room for Petrillo, fullback Justin Plummer switches to tight end.

Otherwise the line is a veteran one, and a big one, too, including tackles Reggie Jennings (240) and Thad Jamula (235) and 245-pound center Jim Ferketic. With them are co-capt. Mike Leib at split end, and guards George Mears and Miles Belic.

The defense will be headed by tackles Paul Koepff and Bob Fonte, ends Pete Tomaino and Mike Holva and linebackers Jim Smith, Chuck Lieb and George Nicholson, lettermen all. There's good depth, but sophomores who might break in are running backs Jack Rizzo and Don Diorio, tackles Ted Getanis and Pete Gabrielson, wingman Ed Plank, guard Rich DeMoll, linebackers Keith Huzyak and Larry Melley and defensive halfback Gary Scheib.

This is the biggest Lehigh squad in many years, in both size and numbers. It might be the biggest in victories, too.

HOFSTRA—Coach Howdy Myers, starting his 20th year here, will have to depend heavily on sophomores so it might not be one of his better campaigns.

The Dutchmen will be particularly vulnerable on defense, where the front four was graduated. But some quality performers remain, including linebacker Tony Garay, halfbacks Bill Hanlon, John Dobson and Tom Mulrooney and safetyman Joe Hunter.

The prize holdover on offense is split end Bill Roca, but the sophomores who will make or break the attack are quarterbacks Jack Wilkinson and Steve Barr, running backs Wayne Huff, Bob Graebe and Dave Knaus; split ends Brian O'Shea and Russell Hoehn and linemen Mike Murphy and Mike Roth.

The newcomers counted on most heavily on defense include ends Ron Hren and George Reid and linebackers Tom Rosato and Bob DeMarco.

On paper this is a rebuilding year but Myers has a way of putting things together in a hurry.

LAFAYETTE—Coach Harry Gamble, who has put together a powerful offense in his two years on the job, needs only a sharper passing attack to score on anybody. Senior Ed Baker and junior Rich McKay are adequate passers, and they'll be pushed by sophomore Jack Hickl. The prime target again will be split end Mike Miller, whose 42 receptions in 1968 set a school record. Also returning is 6-5, 225-pound tight end Gary Molchan, who caught 15.

The running game is still the Leopards' forte, however, led by fullback Tom Triolo, whose 588 yards topped the team last season. Co-capt. Bob Zimmers is a hard-nosed, 170-pound tailback and 165-pound junior Bob Donofrio poses the breakaway threat. Transfer Ron Jones and junior Mike Landes lend depth. The interior offensive line lists veterans Dennis Visich and Ed Pollick at tackles, Bob Lambert and Bill Bradfield at guards and Rod Gaumer at center.

Gamble will have to patch up the defensive unit that pitched four shutouts last year. The only returning regular up front is end Phil Staun. End Jack Bourger and tackle Mike Hromyak will probably be promoted to starters, and sophomore Phil Noto might take over at middle guard. Co-capt. Gary Kolarik is expected to take command of a linebacking corps that includes lettermen Dave Prill and Gene Malpas. The secondary features All-MAC safety Tom McCombs, along with rover back Larry Flohr, and halfbacks, Pete Soraruf and Kenn Williams.

BUCKNELL—New coach Fred Prender has installed the winged-T so the Bisons will throw the ball more than usual, and many of their 27 lettermen will find themselves in different positions, too. Chief among these is 6-3, 250-pound defensive tackle Tarras Onischenco, who was moved to linebacker in spring drills and did very well.

Just who will throw the ball Prender isn't sure. The quarterback job is a race between junior Greg Doviak and Don Giacomelli, both inexperienced after lettering as defensive backs last season. But they'll work with a veteran backfield that includes halfbacks Dave Vassar and Pete Louthis and fullback Bill Bair. They also have two crack receivers in ends Paul Gilewicz (33 catches for 435 yards in 1968) and All-MAC Ken Donahue (22 for 284).

The veteran interior linemen include Bill Fick, Bob Rohrbaugh, Pete Brown and Ed Jamieson.

With Onischenco gone, Prender will try junior Larry Maier and sophomore George Clayton at the defensive tackles, while veterans Dave Helfrich and Dan Spahn remain at ends. If Gene Depew's knee heals, he'll be at middle guard or linebacker. The defensive backfield is strong, with All-MAC Randy Ruger, junior Gene Luccarelli and senior Trip Radcliffe, plus sophomore John Rayhack at monster back.

Bucknell, second in the conference last year, will have to adjust quickly to hang up there to at least match their 5-5 record.

GETTYSBURG—New coach Howard Shoemaker inherited a young squad so, first things first, he'll

stick mostly with a ground attack this season. Junior quarterback Tim Brennan will direct it, and the runners are co-capt. Mark Fifer, Barry Jacoby and Lou Germinario, who has been switched from guard to fullback.

Joe Lemon moves from defensive to offensive tackle to buttress a line that will be forged from the improving Charles Gerelus, sophomores Ray Schreckengast and Dennis Sholl, tight ends John Hughes and John Sinkovitz and veteran flanker Bill McGowan.

Star sophomore Colt Heppe might move in at right end if he doesn't crack the defensive front four that now contains ends Bill Patterson and Ron Emenheiser and tackles Eric Sisco and Mark Swope. The rest of the defense is settled, with hold-over linebackers Don Cramer, Tom Brewer and Tim Kauffman backed by sophomores Steve Colo and Steve Thoman, and returning defensive backs Mike McGrogan, Bill Albans and Don Beekman, plus Don Broome who did not play in 1968 but lettered as a sophomore.

Shoemaker hopes to make haste slowly and post a 5-4 record in his first season.

LITTLE THREE

AMHERST—The Lord Jeffs have the makings of another 7-1 season, paced by quarterback John Kehoe on offense and linebacker Doug Swift on defense.

Kehoe ran for 474 yards and passed for 728 more in 1968 and he'll again operate behind two key men in coach Jim Ostendarp's scheme of things, guards Keith Goggin and Bill Bacon. Elsewhere the offense looks spotty, however, and the coach might have to draw from his crack defensive unit to plug the holes.

The defensive platoon that surrendered only 77 points in eight games last year is almost intact. The 6-4, 225-pound Swift, Tom Gillis and Roy Clauss return at linebacker; Tom Landers, Dan Quinn, Bill Pettit and Ed English remain up front and Cal Ward, Bob Carbone, Bill Shevlin and Bill Bradley hold over in the secondary. If Ostendarp doesn't have to borrow too heavily, the Jeffs will successfully defend their title.

WESLEYAN—Coach Don Russell hopes the Cardinals can better last year's 5-3 record through an explosive offense headed by quarterback Pete Panciera, a sharp passer. He'll again work with regular running backs Don Graham and George Glassanos, and for depth there's juniors Jim Lynch and Greg Forbes and sophomores Dave Revenaugh and Ed Tabor. The line retains split end Frank Waters and tackles Carey O'Laughlin and Dick Wallet. For those vital extra points there's Charlie Holbrook, who has collected 53 the past two years.

Capt. Jeff Diamond at linebacker leads a defensive unit that includes holdovers Jim Plato and Ward DeWitt at left end, possibly Al James at right end; Dick Scoggins, Casey Watters and double-duty men Lynch, Forbes and Waters in the secondary.

The coach is worried about his linebacking and general depth on defense, but believes the offense

can overpower any rival team on any given day.

WILLIAMS—The Ephmen lost 16 of 22 starters from last year's 4-4 squad but they still have Jack Maitland, the 6-1, 195-pound tailback who has rushed for 1,828 yards the past two seasons and is within reach of two New England career records. He needs 497 yards to surpass Vermont's Bob Mitchell in the University Division and 835 to top Dick Nocera of Southern Connecticut, the College Division and over-all champion.

Maitland won't have much help, however. Sophomore Terry Smith will have to take over the quarterbacking, while junior Charles Huntington is the best of a young, green crop of ends. Junior Mike Douglass will be the wingback, either John McGill or Art Bovino the fullback.

Center Bob Farnham and 240-pound tackle Hank Bangser are the only returning starters on the line. Junior John Chambers will be the other tackle, but the rest is uncertain.

Co-capt. John Hitchins at tackle, end John Woodruff and cornerback Kim Montgomery form the core of a depleted defensive unit. The line will be bolstered by the return of seniors Jay McKenna and Joe McCurdy, injured all last year. Juniors George Estes and Craig Blum step up to starting linebackers.

OTHER INDEPENDENTS

TUFTS—The Jumbos posted their first winning season (5-3) in six last year and hope to keep moving with 29 lettermen returning. Chief among them is split end Rich Giachetti, who caught 48 passes for a record-breaking 648 yards in 1968. Throwing to him again will be quarterbacks Peter Cohen and Jim Eacott.

Coach Rocky Carzo intends to strengthen the running game with halfbacks John Gulesian, John Dember, Pete Pasciucco and Hershell Norwood. Blocking will be provided by tight end Steve Cary, guards Al Lopez and Frank Forster and center Mark Haseltine.

The defensive unit is strong with ends Sam Bryant and Jim Larson, tackles Mark White and Bruce Zinsmeister, linebackers Bob Bass and Bob Mosco and backs Jim Coyne, Joe Groff, Ken Lavery and Henry Massar. The sophomores are the best in years, notably quarterback John Ambrosino, end Greg Higgins, center Everett Bronski, halfbacks Lincoln Pope and John Timiny, defensive end Tom Avedisian and halfbacks Dave Clever and Pete Watson.

TRINITY—If Capt. Jay Bernardoni goes on another record-breaking spree, this team should match last year's 6-2 showing. The quarterback smashed an NCAA standard with 16 consecutive completions, broke school records with 209 attempts, 129 completions for 1,382 yards, and tied a New England mark with five touchdown passes in one game.

Besides this one-man band, the offense retains halfbacks Dave Kiaris and Web Jones, fullback Jim Tully, tight end Ken Johnson (if healthy), end Ed Garofolo, tackle Mark Comeau and guard Cliff

Cutler. On defense, the front four—Dan Nichols, Peter Meacham, Bill Sartorelli and Jim Graves—return along with linebacker Jack Flaherty, halfback George Matava and safety John Warmbold.

COAST GUARD—This is a veteran squad with 35 lettermen backed by some good sophomores. It includes three experienced quarterbacks so Charlie Pike, who passed for 699 yards and rushed for 244 last year, will move to fullback. Charlie, brother of Navy's captain, Dan Pike, will team with last year's leading rusher, Bob Cross (456 yards). Guy Goodwin becomes the No. 1 quarterback and he'll throw to split end Tom Mawhinney, who caught seven touchdown passes and ran 65 yards for another TD on an end-around play, and Rich Swain, a 6-4 basketball player who didn't turn out for football in 1968.

KINGS POINT—The Mariners, under new head coach Drew Tallman, expect to field as strong a team as they did last year when they were runners-up in Lambert Bowl voting. The defense, which rated 2nd in the nation in points allowed, defense against rushing, and total defense, returns six starters. Led by the Adams brothers, Harvey and Donnie (ECAC Soph of the Year) the defense has to fill the deep positions but many sophomores who played considerably last year are expected to move into starting positions. The offensive line has two holes, at center and at tackle, but juniors who shared time last season will become starters here. The starting backfield returns intact and will present a well-balanced wing T attack.

SPRINGFIELD—Coach Ted Dunn has some rebuilding to do, but the Gymnasts will still be formidable. Returning on offense are fullback Dave Buddington, quarterback John Greska, tight end Jan Faulkner, guard Don Dello and tackle Emil Pauli. A pack of hard runners is battling for the two backfield openings—Jan Gebo, Wayne Sanborn, Mike Lephart, Mark Kingdon and John Kowslowski.

The defense is led by co-capt. Bill Horgan at linebacker, Steve Sarnoff at safety and Tom Ryan and Dave Hawkins at ends.

ITHACA—Coach Jack Butterfield hopes to climb over the .500 mark in his third season, and could do it with the like of quarterback Mike Podlucky, fullback Tom Polimeni and halfback Rod Howell, who already owns the school rushing record with 1100 yards in two seasons. Also returning are tight end Gary Meierdiercks, last year's top receiver, and capt. Gary Worden, who'll switch from center to guard to make way for 225-pound Mike Barton, coming back from a leg injury.

The defense features ends Jim Branski and Gary Mix, tackles Wes Kissel and Fred Recchio and linebackers Al Cihocki and Chuck Moot.

ROCHESTER—New coach Pat Stark inherits 27 lettermen, including tri-captains John Andreoli at center, John Clarey at defensive tackle and Dave Cidale at defensive halfback. Among 14 other return-

ing starters from last year's 4-4 team are wingback Brian Miga and fullback John Cogar, both of whom averaged 5.2 yards per carry. Also on hand is junior Bob Kulpinski, who caught 19 passes for 169 yards.

Stark's biggest worry is finding a quarterback from among junior Bill Standera and sophomores Greg Conrad and Rich Parrinello. Defensively, all four starting linebackers return—Phil Fugge, Mike Roulan, Bob Rouse and Bob Mielcarz, while Clarey and Steve Hromjak bulwark the line.

NORTHEASTERN—Coach Joe Zabilski again will depend on quarterback Bob Connors to lead the Huskies to their eighth consecutive winning season. Connors gained 1,431 yards last year (1,021 passing) and will be rejoined by halfbacks Jake Fennessey and Bruce Cornell and 215-pound fullback Ed Hitchborn, Tom Kelly, Dennis O'Brien, Kelly Lott and Mike Wayno are lettermen ends, and guard Jim Scanlan and tackle John Walsh are holdover starters on the offensive line. The defense has only four returning regulars—end John Vogel, tackle Tom Lupin, middle guard Ken Orcutt and linebacker Dick Bazirgian. Zabilski will have to rebuild the defense, especially the secondary, to enhance his 22-year record of 91-61-6.

BRIDGEPORT—With 29 lettermen, including four record-breakers, in the ranks, coach Nick Nicolau expects to top last year's 4-5 showing. Heading the record-smashers is tailback Darrick Warner, who scored 14 touchdowns and rushed for 957 yards in 224 carries. Quarterback Skip Rochette set three passing marks, completing 87 of 163 for a 53.4 per cent. average. End Bob Harrison caught 38 passes and 5-6 placekicker Jeff White demolished three field goal standards.

Others Nicolau will count on are 220-pound fullback Bob Riggio, wingback Terry Spraker, ends Dwight Fowler and Fred Pidgeon, tackles John Donahue and Mike Balenko and guard Bill Tripp on offense; ends Ron Tull and Kevin Dunn, tackles Tom Neary and Allen Frazier, linebackers Gary Jones and Rich Wernert and halfback Steve Rabbit on defense.

PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

Eastern Division

1. East Stroudsburg	5. Millersville
2. West Chester	6. Mansfield
3. Kutztown	7. Cheyney
4. Bloomsburg	

Western Division

1. Clarion	4. Slippery Rock
2. California	5. Shippensburg
3. Lock Haven	6. Edinboro

East Stroudsburg and California battled to a 28-28 tie in the conference title game last fall. East Stroudsburg is again in the championship picture but loss of quarterback Jeff Petrucci moves California out and Clarion into Western Division contention.

Eastern Division

EAST STROUDSBURG—The Warriors are favored to win again, returning 20 lettermen including quarterback Bill Dukett, who passed for 1,811 yards and 14 touchdowns, and four All-Conference players—offensive halfback Ralph Gish (7.5 yards a carry); offensive tackle Henry Kearns, offensive guard Joe Kelly and defensive halfback Bob Dinan. Coach Charlie Reese has his entire secondary back from an 8-0 team that played California State to a 28-28 tie to share in the conference title. Reese has three linebacking prospects from the frosh but must replace the entire defensive line.

WEST CHESTER—The Rams have a typically strong team, with Steve Dilts returning at quarterback and All-Conference Bill (Rocky) Rees at halfback. Dilts completed 54.2 per cent of his passes while the 215-pound Rees averaged 5.7 yards a carry. Despite loss of All Conference scoring champion and fullback Bert Nye, West Chester (6-2 in 1968) has the best chance of beating East Stroudsburg in the East.

KUTZTOWN—Phil Anthony, conference rushing champ as a soph with 755 yards, also scored 42 points as Kutztown fullback. Coach Bob Kinderman is counting on several other top sophs-turned-juniors to improve including All-Conference linebacker Ron Reed and second team conference ends Bob Henderson and George Barton and tackle Mike Zimmerman.

BLOOMSBURG—Playing its second year under coach Jerry Denstorff, Bloomsburg could improve with only seven seniors graduated. More than half of the Huskies were sophomores last year, including 6-2 quarterbacks Terry Lessman and Tom Schneider, running back Mike Kolojehchick and Bill Firestine and fullback Paul Skrimcosky.

MILLERSVILLE—The Marauders have won only five games (one by forfeit) in the last two years. Seventeen seniors were graduated including Dick Griffin, eighth leading ground-gainer. Starting backs Dick Barbacane and Jan Bowman also left. Steve Downs got a good dose of action at quarterback as a soph and most of both offensive and defense lines return.

MANSFIELD—Rod Kelchner let go the coaching reins after three seasons and Bernie Sabol, 27, a former Penn State linebacker and offensive line coach at Allegheny College the last five years, takes over. League's third leading passer Stu Casterline is back but Mounties' problem again is lack of depth.

CHEYNEY—The Wolves were still looking for a new head coach in the spring to replace Cleophus Hatcher who resigned after 0-8 season (including two forfeits when injuries precluded Cheyney from fielding sufficient number of players). Underclassmen Ron Hollis, QB, and speedy backs Robert Scott, Robert Brown and Gene Nance all return.

Western Division

CLARION—Bob Erdeljac could mean a Western Division title to the Golden Eagles. The gifted junior passed for 1,203 yards and ran for 105 in a 4-1 second place conference season. He wound up second only to East Stroudsburg's Billy Dukett in league throwing and had the best average of 57.8 percent. Ten seniors graduated including two All-Conference defenders and top pass receiver Jim Becker but top rushers Bob Oberdorf and Mike Giunta both return along with fine junior pass receiver, Rick Terza.

CALIFORNIA—The Vulcans breezed through five league victories on the arm and legs of quarterback Jeff Petrucci, who ran and passed for 1,590 yards and later was a one-man show in the 28-28 tie with East Stroudsburg. But Petrucci is gone and so are 13 other seniors including top receiver Pete Gialames, and four on all-conference defensive team.

Returning are All-Conference guards Emil Litwin and Larry Randall, second team All-Conference halfback Ron Urban, and league's top punter Don Roberts (40.5). But Petrucci's loss will hurt Western Division title defense.

LOCK HAVEN—Bob Weller, defensive line coach the last two years and a graduate of Slippery Rock, takes over as new head coach. Seventy candidates greeted Weller at spring practice. From these including quarterback Denny Rhule (894 yards passing and running), second team All-Conference linebacker Ron Beshore, rushers Jim Smith and Dan Elbe, the Bald Eagles should improve.

SLIPPERY ROCK—Rocket rushing attack will again revolve around Jay Wagner, who set school ground-gaining record of 910 yards. The halfback also scored 54 points. Tailback Frank Barnes (371 yards) and quarterbacks John Ross (307 running and 684 passing) and Tom Bell (236 passing) also return. All-Conference center Carl Simmons is one of only 13 seniors graduated.

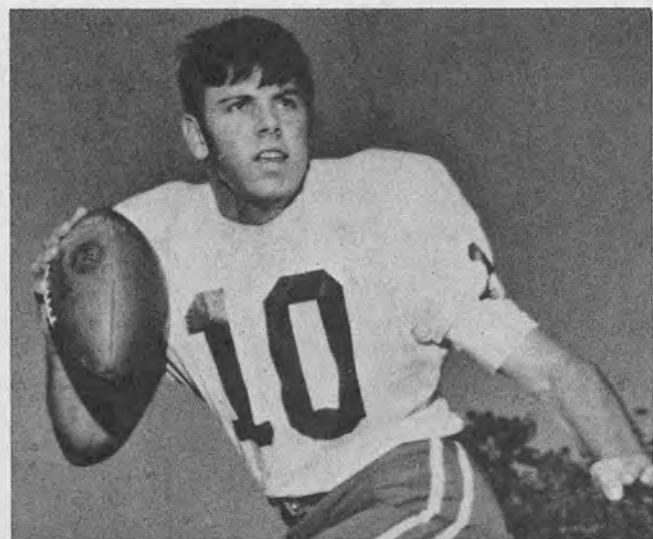
SHIPPENSBURG—The Red Raiders graduated All-Conference halfback Lou Orndorff, defensive end Wayne Wilkerson and linebacker Nick Dellaquila, two key defenders in tackle Dave McNichol and safety Tom Andros, fullback Ed Hammers and league's sixth leading passer, Steve Bumgarner. League pass receiving champ Al Bowman (738 yards, 6 TDs) returns with 6-2 John Helter and 5-8 Steve Pallo as possible QB replacements.

EDINBORO—The Fighting Scots are going through a program change under new head coach Bill McDonald who went to Edinboro from Indiana where he was highly successful guiding the Big Indians' offense. The Scots will be depending upon a big group of talented sophs and juniors. Veteran linebackers Steve Hamm and Jim Jaruszewick return and anchor a veteran defensive unit.



FOR THE DEFENSE North Carolina State leads with pair of aces in tackle RON CARPENTER (left) and JACK WHITLEY, who returned punt, fumble and rival pass for TDs.

ON THE MOVE for Wolfpack is CHARLIE BOWERS (30) but Oklahoma won, 28-14. Charlie was team's top rusher in '68.



TONY BLANCHARD, son of Army's famed "Doc", is star tight end at No. Carolina.

LEO HART hit on over half his passes for 2238 yards as quarterback for Duke.



DON McCUALEY (left) hit rival lines for 351 yards rushing for the Tar Heels.

PHIL ASACK (right) is counted on to boom Duke rushing game at fullback.

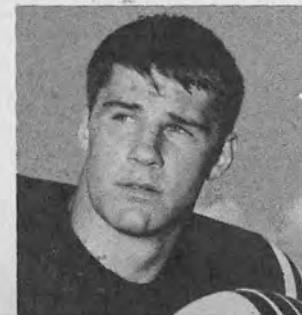


IVAN SOUTHERLAND has pros drooling as Clemson veteran defensive wing.

RUSTY GANAS, 6-5 and 235, provides vet savvy on line at So. Carolina tackle.

B. B. ELVINGTON (below) is key man on Clemson's defense at middle guard.

WARREN MUIR (below) is rated by SC coach as best inside runner in country.





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Atlantic Coast and Southern

WOLFPACK PACKS SOLID PUNCH TO KO CHALLENGES BY SOUTH CAROLINA AND DUKE

PREDICTIONS

Atlantic Coast

1. N. C. State	5. North Carolina
2. South Carolina	6. Wake Forest
3. Duke	7. Virginia
4. Clemson	8. Maryland

Southern

1. Richmond	5. William & Mary
2. The Citadel	6. Furman
3. East Carolina	7. Virginia Military
4. Davidson	

Independents

1. Virginia Tech	4. Western Carolina
2. West Virginia	5. Washington & Lee
3. Appalachian	

Southwestern A.C.

1. Alcorn A&M	5. Jackson State
2. Grambling	6. Southern U.
3. Texas Southern	7. Arkansas AM&N
4. Prairie View	

C.I.A.A.

1. No. Carolina A&T	5. No. Carolina College
2. Morgan State	6. Norfolk State
3. Maryland State	7. Virginia State
4. Johnson C. Smith	8. Hampton

Carolinas Conference

1. Lenoir Rhyne	4. Presbyterian
2. Catawba	5. Guilford
3. Elon	6. Newberry

WHEN football coaches gather, usually at convention time, they look for "Midnight," which is their nickname for North Carolina State's Earle Edwards. It seems to be the bewitching hour for the Edwards tenor voice, but nobody ever mentions Cinderella. Edwards football teams are never known as Cinderella teams, even when they come forth as Atlantic Coast Conference champions time after time after time. The Wolfpack doesn't play ball like that. They don't scintillate, they don't spectacularate (a new word, but appropriate), they don't even speculate. The Wolfpack simply beats you to a pulp with good, hard, sound, solid football.

This trademark has to be stamped on the 1969 Wolfpack which defends the ACC football championship. If it does plan anything in the glamour

department, it would be on defense, maybe a fumble-jarring tackle by massive Ron Carpenter or a zig-zagging punt runback by Jack Whitley. Coach Edwards' football squad is solid, strengthened by an entire red-shirted freshman team, and the Wolfpack fully anticipates another successful conference campaign.

ACC titles seldom are settled until the final week or two, and 1969 should change nothing. Edwards knows this better than anybody. N.C. State won 1968 the final Saturday; fact is, the week after the Wolfpack had put away its gear, South Carolina beat Clemson on Tyler Hellams' one-man defensive show, and now the Gamecocks in coach Paul Dietzel's fourth season are the ones to challenge the Wolfpack. Maybe this is a year ahead of the Dietzel schedule, but the Gamecocks operate behind alert Tommy Suggs and have all-around personnel.

Making it a two-way challenge will be Duke, starring the nation's No. 6 offensive leader, Leo Hart, but the Blue Devils will have to stick a few thumbs in the dike defensively. Maybe the real challenger will be determined the first game: Sept. 20 Duke at South Carolina, under a bright and silvery Carolina moon.

Clemson and North Carolina, both hunting quarterbacks, vie for the fourth spot; then come Wake Forest, Virginia and Maryland huddled together. Wake Forest has new coach Cal Stoll, Maryland inaugurates Roy Lester, first time the ACC has had multiple coaching changes since the 50 per cent changeover in 1966.

Biggest boost in a century for the Southern Conference came from coach Frank Jones and Richmond last post-season. The Spiders went up against unbeaten, nationally 15th ranked Ohio University in the first Tangerine Bowl matchup of SC and Mid-American Conference champions. It was billed as a slaughter. It resulted in Richmond's 49-42 triumph. Richmond goes from there to successful title defense, although missing one Buster O'Brien. The Citadel has championship aims also while coach Clarence Stasavich is still hunting for single wing attackers at East Carolina.

Virginia Tech and West Virginia do not play each other, thus the independent title will go by the record—or the loudest fan group. Virginia Tech should be its best in years, a bowl contender.

The two strong Negro conferences come up with big team names and bigger individual names. After the 1968 season the SWAC (Southwestern Athletic Conference) had 31 drafted by the pros, the CIAA (Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association)

had 14. Alcorn A&M beat Florida A&M, 36-9, in the Orange Blossom Bowl and was acclaimed national Negro champions by one poll. North Carolina A&T beat Morgan State and Florida A&M on successive Saturdays and was acclaimed national Negro champions by one poll. These two may end up in exactly the same towers.

Lenoir Rhyne, caught in the Carolinas Conference legislative bind on scholarships, continues to place in the national college ranks, however, and it will win the CC which is now down to six football-playing schools.

Here are the team prospects (figures in parenthesis are 1968 conference and overall won-lost records):

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE

NORTH CAROLINA STATE (6-1-0, 6-4-0)—There's one thing about the Wolfpack that's consistent: Winning. Without the super-star but always carried along by some super-studs, the Wolfpack prowls for a repeat conference championship. A year ago it came with an experienced offense, now the opportunity knocks with a solid defensive carryover. This is the strength of Coach Earle Edwards' football regime: it comes up strong in an important department each year, never weak in any. The red-shirting program pays off: all of the 1967 freshmen come up now. They are ready to step in at a couple vacancies.

For three years N. C. State led the conference in total defense. Ron Carpenter (6-6, 250) tears up blockers. That's his job as the strongside tackle, and he's All-America calibre, big and quick, twice as determined. Behind him is the Wolfpack keeper of the family jewels: the secondary. Jack Whitley and Gary Yount both made All-Conference as deep backs. Whitley, as a soph, led the ACC in interceptions and punt returns; in fact, he might have been the only player in the U.S. to score a touchdown via return of interception, punt and fumble.

This defense has experienced linebackers, Mike Hilka and Steve Diacont; starting tackles Carpenter and Art Hudson; starting guard Andy Solonoski; starting end Bob Follweiler. With this nucleus, and the wealth of redshirts, the Wolfpack will give up yardage miserly.

N.C. State's offense over the years has been solid: nothing flashy. Quarterback Darrell Moody (52 plays a year ago, 249 yards) is a fine athlete. Bull-like Charlie Bowers (6-1, 205) rushed 706 yards in the title campaign, but he's the only man left in the backfield. Leon Mason and sophomore Don Bradley get the running call, Dave Rodgers at fullback. In the line four starters remain, led by all-conference guard Don Jordan and tackle Marvin Tharp. Sophomores vie for the vacant center spot, Dan Sarik and John Elliott.

The Wolfpack has a tradition: good, strong young men step in to fill the graduation holes, and 1969 appears no exception.

SOUTH CAROLINA (4-3-0, 4-6-0)—When Paul Dietzel came to Gamecock Country four years ago, he

knew what had to be done. But, honestly, he didn't figure he'd be this far along by 1969. USC returns 31 lettermen, plus some outstanding young players off two straight unbeaten freshman teams. Last year, mainly with sophomores, the Gamecocks lost five of their first six games, then came back for 3-of-4. Thus the crow of the Gamecocks for '69 sounds every sunrise.

The attack is good, manned by people who have played. Tommy Suggs won the QB duel from Randy Yoakum last September, went on to register 1,658 yards (1,544 passing, 110 for 207, 13 TDs) as a sophomore. He can be terrific. He can also call on fullback Warren Muir (5-10, 201), called by Dietzel "the best inside runner in the United States." Muir missed a month due to injury in '68. Rudy Holloman added 530 yards as a runner, mainly in the Muir absence, then caught 20 passes. But the big target for Suggs will be all-ACC flanker Fred Zeigler (59 catches, 848 yards, 6 TDs), although sophomore Jim Mitchell will battle him all the way. His specialty: touchdown catches. Two other soph backs, Tommy Simmons and Billy Ray Rice, intend to play.

To help clear out the path for all this, the Gamecocks have starting tackles Tony Fusaro and Dave DeCamilla, starting guards Don Buckner and Chris Bank, lettermen at center and split end. Except at middle guard, the defensive line carries the same experience. Rusty Ganas (6-5, 238) and Jimmy Poston (6-4, 237) remain at tackles, and four ends who shared the job will repeat: Lynn Hodge, Dave Lucas, Jimmy Pope and Joe Wingard. Middle guard goes to 6-4, 214-pound Kevin Mooney who missed last season with a knee injury.

For two seasons the defensive backfield has kept the Gamecocks alive, and this should be a strong year. Tyler Hellams heads the corps, and he's the guy who singlehandedly, well, almost, beat Clemson to knock it out of the conference title. He had interceptions and knockdowns at the goal line, then returned a punt 70 yards for the 7-3 score. Two-year starter Pat Watson and Don Bailey also return to this secondary which backs up starting linebackers Al Usher and Benny Padgett.

DUKE (3-4-0, 4-6-0)—To get to the heart of the Blue Devil challenge there's Leo Hart. He stepped into the quarterback job a year ago, a 6-3, 190-pound youngster, and he was great. When the year was over Hart was sixth in NCAA total offense (2,340 yards, mostly aerial). The coach, Tom Harp, likes to harp on Hart: "A quick release . . . the ability to come up with the big play at any time . . . equally effective with long or short pass." Hart hit 162 of 301 passes, 11 touchdowns. But if Hart hits, somebody's got to catch.

Three of Duke's fine receivers are still dressed for action: wing end Wes Chesson, tight end Jim Dearth and flanker Marcel Courtillet, together worth 94 catches for 1,509 yards.

The Dukes want to build their running game. Power-mower Phil Asack (6-3, 215) has been switched to fullback with Don Baglien. Tailbacks Pete Schafer and John Cappellano return. Asack

had a 4.1 average, Baglien 5.7. Good runners get better when the defense has to watch Hart winding up back there.

The offensive line misses only three starters, one of whom alternated. Returning also are tackle Guy Johnson, guard Ken Bombard and center Bob Morris.

But the defense kept the Blue Devils in the miseries of hell as Duke gave up 287 points. Rising soph Rich Searl intercepted eight passes in five freshman games; he's in the varsity secondary. Top sophs get the defensive call: Ernie Jackson and Mike Davies also. Dave Trice has been shifted from quarterback, since soph Dennis Satyshur and red-shirted Randy Short will spell Hart. Linebackers are experienced, All-ACC Dick Biddle (top tackler for two seasons) and Joe Compitello. But the interior of this bulwark department runs a bit thin. Only one starting end, Bob Shinn, is back; the rest come up from the ranks and the freshmen. Rookies Joe Sciulli and Bob Strickland, both 6-3, 210, may work into tackle and guard spots.

It will be up to this unit to keep the opposition under three touchdowns a game, which it did only three times in '68, and Hart figures to take care of the rest.

CLEMSON (4-1-1, 4-5-1)—Here come the Tigers, again strong on the fundamentals: blocking hard, tackling sure. They will need all these good things in '69. For the second season coach Frank Howard looks for a starting quarterback before the first kickoff. A year ago he had Billy Ammons and Charlie Waters. He settled on Ammons, put Waters at flanker where he caught 22 passes for 411 yards. Ammons graduated. Waters is still at flanker. The QB job now goes to two sophomores, Ricky Gilstrap and John Kendrick. But to help the offense Coach Howard has moved Jack Anderson from flanker (another 22-time catcher) to tailback. Ray Yauger ran like a bull to spell Buddy Gore last fall, now he can still run with Anderson and Waters wide in the same backfield. The defense can't gang up on this combination, Howard reasons.

Of 28 lettermen half are on each unit, but in the lines there is lack of experience. Clemson's offensive line lost four starters, the defensive unit five. Grady Burgner (6-4, 198) is available as the blocking guard again, and end Jim Sursavage is on hand. Sophs will be called on, mainly tackle Jim Dorn and end John McMakin.

B. B. Elvington at middle guard and end Ivan Southerland (6-4, 237), a fine pro prospect, are the lone saves in the defensive line, and two sophs will undoubtedly get calls here as well: tackle Ralph Daniel and linebacker Larry Bell. The most experience is in the defensive secondary, and this is where the team will be improved over last year when opponents completed 143 of 285 passes . . . costly to the point of 11 touchdowns and over 2,000 yards. Those almost doubled the Tigers' own figures in the air. Starters John Fulmer, Chuck Werner and Gary Compton are back, as well as Bob Craig, Sonny Cassady and Mike Funderburk, all lettermen.

NORTH CAROLINA (1-6-0, 3-7-0)—Bill Dooley calls this his third Tar Heel team "exciting." It closed out last season with a 26-14 win over Duke, excitement, yes, but Gayle Bomar, who was taken off the defensive unit in Dooley's first move three years ago and had 1,724 total offense yards, is gone at QB. Dooley figured John Swofford, still a sophomore since he missed '68 with mononucleosis, and Rick Lanier, in 99 plays, as the QB leaders along with freshman starter Charlie Turco. But in spring practice rookie Paul Miller (6-0, 172) came on strong. He comes from Ayden, N.C. where he played football, basketball and baseball—and never lost a game. In this backfield will also be veteran Don McCauley and red-shirted Bill Sigler at tailbacks; Saulis Zemaitis, moved from tailback, and 191-pound soph Tim Kirkpatrick at fullback; soph Lewis Jolley at wingback. One spot is certain: the kicker. Senior Don Hartig led the Tar Heel scoring a year ago, and his foot is stronger than ever.

Only seven seniors are on this North Carolina squad that has only 19 lettermen, six offensive and only three defensive starters. Sparking the offensive line is guard Ed Chalupka (6-0, 204), along with guard Jim Papai, two of four Canadian boys. Ends are strong Tony Blanchard (6-3, 245), who caught 22 passes for 337 yards and five touchdowns, and sophomore Steve Alvis who did so well in the spring that Coach Dooley noted, "He's turned out to be an outstanding catcher." Starter Ron Grzybowski and 221-pound Paul Hoolahan are tackles.

The defense has some talented sophomores. Mel Riddle (6-1, 216) shares guard with junior Larry Pochucha; Mike Bobbitt (6-4, 243, ineligible in '68 by conference ruling) and Bud Grissom (6-1, 225) at tackles; Bill Brafford and Judge Mattocks at ends. More sophomores vie with returning starter Bob Hanner at linebacker: John Bunting (6-1, 213), rated high by the coaches, and Jim Webster who won the outstanding defensive award in the spring game. Deep backs have Ken Price at his old spot, joined by transfer (Virginia Tech) Rusty Culbreth, Richard Stilley and possibly the two quarterbacks who don't make that assignment.

WAKE FOREST (2-3-1, 2-7-1)—The Deacons had a miserable season, getting only two victories and a tie out of 212 points scored, the coach resigned. Cal Stoll was brought in from the Michigan State staff, and he spent months moving players back and forth. Toughest break of the spring warmup was star linebacker Carlyle Pate's decision to forego the 1969 season granted by the ACC after knee injury. Stoll did inherit 27 lettermen, including 13 starters. Several of these were involved in the shifting. One thing about it, Stoll can begin with some fine running backs. Jack Dolbin, clear of injuries, puts speed in every motion, 4.5 yard average last season. Buz Leavitt can also run. Ron Jurewicz, who caught 28 passes as a tight end, has been fitted in at fullback once again, leaving starter Fred Angerman at flanker. This leaves the quarterback spot wide open. Freddie Summers (2,103 total offense yards) is gone, and he played all the time. The job now lies between David Connors,



JACK DOLBIN, speedy Wake Forest back, averaged 4.5 yards per carry for lowly Deacons in last season's action.

a '67 transfer (Purdue), and left-handed red-shirted sophomore Larry Russell.

Joe Dobner carries over at center, two-year letterman Tom Jones at guard. At the ends Gary Winrow and Don Kobos saw considerable duty, more than letterman Chuck White at tackle.

There are four standouts in the defensive line. Win Headley (6-3, 230) rated among the best tackles in the conference, along with end Roman Wszelaki (6-5, 215), tackle Ed George (6-4, 245) and end Gerald McGowan (6-5, 222). In the jigsaw George may move to offensive tackle where Stoll had figured to call on Manpower Inc. or even the Kelly Girls Inc. Top linebackers are John Mazalewski and Al Beard, the later having had knee surgery. Gary Williard and Larry Pons, both two-year lettermen, head the list of six experienced deep backs. Tom Deacon, a Canadian boy with just the right name for this club, rated second scorer for the Deacons a year ago with his placekicking.

VIRGINIA (3-2-0, 7-3-0)—The Cavaliers lost enough offensive players to start a good rookie pro team. Coach George Blackburn's club finished 7-3, rated first in the conference offensively and 11th in the country. Frank Quayle was ACC player of the year; Blackie ACC coach. Quayle's gone, so are seven other offensive starters. Blackburn's still in Charlottesville, along with 30 lettermen, including seven defensive starters. Revitalizing a backfield wiped out entirely marks Blackie's major task for '69.

Quarterback is in the hands of Danny Fassio (6-0, 1900), who handled only 58 plays, and Brian Kitchen, a good runner and left-handed thrower on transfer (U.S. Naval Academy). Two-year handyman Dave Wyncoop (4.3 yard average, 69 carries) replaces Quayle, while Clinch Heyward runs fullback, Chuck Mooser flanker. Sophs Jimmy Lacey and fullback Gary Helman are good runners. Junior starter Danny Ryczek (6-3, 220) is at center, Bob Bishoff and Rick Moschel flanks, and red-shirt Abby Sallenger (6-5, 235) could break in at tackle.

Defensively, the Cavaliers match swords with anybody in the conference at ends: Tommy Patton (6-1, 210) and Al Sinesky (6-2, 220), both strong and clever. Jim Willits and Bobby Bressan return at tackles. Of 15 defensive lettermen five are linebackers, four cornerbacks and two safeties. This



DAN RYCZEK, Virginia center, is candidate for All-Conference pivot post.



TOM PATTON (right), 6-1 and 210, is among top ends in ACC for the Cavaliers.

spells experience. Standouts are Boyd Page, Ed Kihm and Paul Reid linebackers, Pete Schmidt, Andy Minton and Bob Rannigan deep backs.

MARYLAND (2-5-0, 2-8-0)—Coach Roy Lester returns to the College Park campus where he was once an assistant coach. He comes off a 25-game prep winning streak at nearby Rockville. Lester finds 35 lettermen which means some experience. Only two block-M winners off the defense are gone. It was a defense, however, that gave up 299 points, worst in the conference. The offense lots its three outstanding players: QB Alan Pastrana, runner Billy Lovett, end Rick Carlson. But there were 140 players at spring practice, and Coach Lester worked with numbers. He started with the offensive backfield. Dennis O'Hara backed up QB, got in 75 plays with a total of 243 yards, all passing. Will Morris (6-3, 185) red-shirted last year. Chuck Drimal, backed two years ago, returned to the fold. One of the three will get the QB job. Al Thomas and John King, each at about 3.4 average per play, run tailback with sophomore Larry Marshall, and there's Sonny Demczak (23 passes caught) at wingback. The vacated fullback spot counts on two sophomores, Scott Shank and Tom Miller.

Bulk of the lettermen fall up front. Offensively, this might well be Jimmy Lawrence and Lou Bracken ends, ACC heavyweight wrestling champ Ralph Sonntag and Bruce Olecki tackles, Pat Burke and Bill Meister guards, Mike Stuljar center. However, the defensive unit, which lost two starting linemen, finds most of its letterman personnel behind the line. Bill Grant returns at defensive end, John Gebhardt at tackle, Joe DiOrio at guard. Dean Landolt leads the linebackers while Steve Ciambor and Wally Stalnaker spark the deep backs. Bright spot is the availability of punter Greg Fries who averaged about 40 yards on 72 attempts, one of which went a lifesaving total of 72 yards.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

RICHMOND (6-0-0, 8-3-0)—There wasn't much that escaped the Richmond Spiders last season: unbeaten in conference, top offense, top defense, top scor-



RALPH SONNTAG, 6-3 and 242, provides vet skills at tackle for Maryland.

DEAN LANDOLT (left) is top man among linebackers for new Terp coach.

WAYNE FOWLER, tops in SC among blockers, returns to Richmond tackle spot.

WALKER GILLETTE (right), twice All Southern end, is Spider pro prospect.

ing, low opponent scoring. Coach Frank Jones loses seven starters, but the absentee role includes QB Buster O'Brien who set all sorts of passing records—and engineered beating unbeaten Ohio U., 49-42, in the Tangerine Bowl squeeze. But coach-of-the-year Jones has six All-Conference Spiders back, and they include Walker Gillette, a 6-5, 200-pound split end with great pro potential. Math major Gillette not only added up 50 passes (857 yards, 8 TDs), but also put on 20 more catches in the Tangerine Bowl and was voted top lineman. He's also a hurdler. Getting the ball to Gillette, of course, will be a Jones' problem, QB being up for grabs. Junior Charlie Richards (6-3, 198) understudied O'Brien and outran O'Brien, but he threw only 27 times.

Seven starters return on offense: Gillette, conference top blocker Wayne Fowler (6-4, 243) and Charley Tysinger tackles, Bill Fazioli guard, Dave Criswell center, Jim Crenshaw fullback and flanker Jim Livesay, also the punter. Spider defense placed five All-Conference, which is about a clean sweep—and they are still in the web along with three other starters off the fine '68 club. Buzz Montsinger (6-3, 204) and Mel Medved (6-3, 203) are turning plays in from the terminals again; Bruce Kasarda and John Barelli tackles; Dick Irvin guard; Pat Turchetta and Phil Bowman linebackers; Winston Whitehead cornerback.

THE CITADEL (4-2-0, 5-5-0)—Even in losing 15 starters from the Conference runnerup, coach Jim (Red) Parker doesn't see red. In fact, he's optimistic. The Bulldogs will go strictly with the "Veer" offense this time, after using it off and on during the '68 attack, and it will be operated by Tony Passander whose 1,132 yards rated third in SC total offense. The quarterback had eight touchdown passes. Losing tailback Jim McMillan, top rusher, helped Parker go fulltime with the "Veer" and Steve Brackett (despite knee operation) and Tommy Sanchez (converted from end) have been named at tailback. Joe Bedenbaugh (6-0, 195) runs fullback again, Gene Hightower flanker. Up front there will be senior tackle Marion Glover (6-2, 214), junior center Mike Davitt (moved from end) and All-Conference guard Craig Tyler.

The defense lost four All-Conference players, but if John Small (who is not, at 6-4, 225, up 25 pounds from last fall) stays well, this unit can handle its own. Small goes 4.9 in full pads (after a two-hour practice), rates with the outstanding linebackers in the country as a senior, barring injuries. Charlie Baker will call the defensive signals as Small's running mate, with Jim King, Phil Bryan, Billy Watson and Randy Olson as secondary. There is depth in the line, though inexperienced, but featuring end Jim Lee and middle guard Roger Meyer.

EAST CAROLINA (2-2-0, 4-5-0)—Clarence Stasavich went under .500 last fall, which is like the Atlantic Ocean tide backing all the way to the East Carolina campus, a few miles inland. It just doesn't happen. There are 30 lettermen now, but Stas talks about "several sophomores will break into the starting lineup." He hasn't said that too often. Especially since the Pirates lost only six of the starting 22. Among the sophomores to get blue chip calls are Jack Patterson, a good passer as the single wing tailback which Stas' attack has to have; offensive tackle John Hollingsworth, guard John Hollenback, center Duke Clark and fullback Bill Wallace (6-0, 198).

Butch Colson (5-10, 200) returns as the senior fullback who was conference Player Of The Year as a sophomore. He fell off to 584 rushing yards in '68, yet the Pirates led the conference running the ball. Their aerial game, however, seldom got up to a sputter. Tailback Billy Wightman, who threw only 55 times, returns to go with wingbacks William Mitchell and George Whitley, blocking backs Dave Brill and Tim Ilderton. The attack has got to get more than 18.7 points a game, probably a Stas single wing low.

The defensive unit banks on John Elrod and Roger Bost, ends; Steve Davis and Tim Tyler, tackles; Stu Garrett, Dwight Flanagan and Tommy Bullock, secondary.

DAVIDSON (1-3-0, 3-6-0)—The Wildcats are grinning, if that is what wildcats do when they are anticipating the kill. Coach Homer Smith will field his most experienced team, and the attack (a

Smith specialty) can move the ball by acres. He has quarterback Gordon Slade and end Mike Kelly. They play catch rather well. Slade (6-1, 194) ranked third in NCAA passing last fall, 190 of 322 passes for 2,109 yards and 14 touchdowns. He was the SC total offense leader, chalking up records left and right. As a baseball star also (.400 hitter, All-Conference) he knows about strikes and hits. His best catcher is Kelly (6-4, 220), also a senior, who caught 63 throws for 902 yards and 11 touchdowns, and he, too, naturally got in the record book X times. To provide running, Coach Smith has John Zaharov, Ted Woods and Rick Lyon all among the 36 returning lettermen.

To post the won-lost record Smith wants, the defense has to tighten up, especially on the ground where it ranked a solid last in the conference. It also allowed 23.9 points per game. Returning is the secondary: linebackers Steve Butler and Bryan Peterson, deeps Garth Hampton, Jack Ballenger, Nick Dumich and Whit Morrow who had six interceptions. Guards Sean McCormick and Ken Totherow are up front, but defensive end Terry Esterkamp has been moved to offensive guard.

WILLIAM & MARY (2-2-0, 3-7-0)—Marv Levy had one of those seasons a coach likes to file under D (disaster, dismal, don't remember), but the Indians return a new coach, 23 lettermen—eight defensive starters and four offensive linemen. It will be W&M's largest team, it will be experienced, but it will also be searching . . . searching for a brand new offensive backfield, one that can score. Newcomers Tommy Johnson and Glenn Cross will contest for starting quarterback, which might be shared, although both Wes Meeteer and Jimmy Laycock are still on hand with QB experience. Joe Pilch (5-11, 216) started two years ago and he's the fullback under a formation employing two spread receivers rather than the I. Sophs claim major attention, and especially in the scoring department, such names as probable starters John Beck (6-2, 204), Dennis Cambal (6-2, 223), Bob Spencer and Jim Tauber.

All-Conference end Jim Cavanaugh (41 catches, 508 yards) and center Bob Herb spark the line which has to replace three offensive starters. The Tribe found only 97 points in 10 games, so this is vital to the new mentor's ambitions. Defensively, the experienced team is spearheaded by linebacker Dave Holland and safety Tom Duffey, along with tackles Andy Giles and Mike Carroll, middle guard Jim Green and end Ward Ellis.

FURMAN (0-4-0, 1-8-0)—The Paladins have always been able to score, but stopping the other side has been something else again. This year coach Bob King can put eight starters in their old defensive positions, meaning that the defense has some experience and might finally shore up. There is Bernie Lanigan at tackle, only 193 pounds but strong; there is Pat Wiggins at end, the same tough 193; and there is John Wilson at his old middle guard. He goes 260. Linebackers are Chuck Cross, voted the team's most valuable as a 1968 sophomore, and Tommy Broadwell. The secondary is intact.

But Coach King came out of spring drills with smiles over his offense, that area which was supposed to have been a little gray, even black. He had to take Dick Immel out of the secondary, put him at the running back. Bruce Byers came off the defense to be offensive tackle. Dick Collins went from linebacker to guard. Flanker is speedy sophomore Mike Fabian, and to him quarterbacks junior Cleve Hightower (only 19 for 60 throwing last year) and sophomore Doug Gill with pitch. Immel may play some QB. Sophomore George Vaughan vies with Joe Street at fullback, the latter coming back after an injury.

VIRGINIA MILITARY (1-3-0, 1-8-0)—The institute's Keydets will be green again, only 12 seniors—and only 12 lettermen. Coach Vito Ragazzo will work hard on bolstering the defense and finding a quarterback. Murphy Sprinkel stepped in at QB a year ago, passed 1,050 yards but manufactured only two touchdowns. Upcoming sophomore Jim Monos, a quick runner and fine passer, will push Sprinkle. Tom Sowers, top rusher in the league (704 yards, 3.5 average), is ready to carry on again. In VMI's I-formation he did just that in one game, 53 carries for a record (vs. Davidson in the rain and mud). Chuck Marks, 225-pound fullback, points up the blocking and also the punting. To help the line some players have been moved around, including linebacker Bob Hockley to center. Guards Mike Sisler and Ned Mikula return.

The defense finds gaps in the secondary, where the Keydets were shot down last fall, and the spring game found Bob Petrola playing. Now, Bob is 5-6 and 144 pounds, and Ragazzo said: "Actually, he's in the regimental band. He just came out this spring. A lot of kids do that here. They know they'll get a chance to play." Another who will definitely play is Tom Campbell, co-captain, moved from tackle to guard defensively.

INDEPENDENTS

VIRGINIA TECH (7-3-0)—The Gobblers played tough right down to the second half of the Liberty Bowl. Gone are 15 seniors, but that doesn't bring coach Jerry Claiborne to his knees. He's the fighter type. Except for the defensive secondary, which has been a V-Tech stronghold for several good seasons, the Gobblers are ready to crow—or is it gobble? There are 26 lettermen, all experienced in the rugged independent schedule which Virginia Tech has undergone since removing itself from the Southern Conference in 1965. Claiborne this time looks for more depth. Excellent running backs are fullback Ken Edwards (6-1, 205) and tailback Terry Smoot. Senior Al Kincaid is a veteran quarterback.

The line shows tackle Jerry Green (6-4, 241), an excellent blocker in the Claiborne type of Alabama blocking; guard Butch Hall (6-1, 230), tops as a sophomore; and center Dave Bailey. But Virginia Tech has always had the hallmark of great defense. Its tough kicking game might not be as strong, it lacks some of its defensive secondary with Ron Davidson gone. But there's no better lineback-



MIKE WIDGER is heads-up tackler and play analyst at linebacker for Va. Tech.

KEN EDWARDS (left), 6-1 and 205, adds speed and zest to Tech ground game.



CARL GRENNEL, powerful middle guard, is key factor on West Virginia defense.

OSCAR PATRICK (right) set 14 records in aerial department for Mountaineers.



er in the land than Mike Widger (6-0, 196), little by yardstick and scales but a dynamo in analysis and tackling. Lenny Smith is the sole experience in the secondary where sophomores will get the big call, but then Virginia Tech lettered nine first-year men a year ago.

WEST VIRGINIA (7-3-0)—The Mountaineers move to experience this fall, the fourth for coach Jim Carlen III. He has 27 lettermen. He says, "We will have to continue on from our strong finish of last year." Senior tailback Ed Silverio gained 195 yards rushing in the season finale with Syracuse (23-6 win). This offense, of course, has nobody yet to replace two-year scoring-leader Ken Juskowich, the kicker. Quarterback Mike Sherwood was 14th in the nation's total offense as a sophomore (1,998 yards, 12 touchdowns passing), and with split end Oscar Patrick (6-4, 220) he set 14 school passing records. Also on the receiving end of the Sherwood spirals will be tight end Jim Smith, wingback Wayne Porter and fullback Jim Braxton, second in rushing.

West Virginia will use the basic I-formation, counting on an improved offense through line play. Center Dick Roberts (6-0, 217) is a keystone of this offensive line. Seeking to bolster the defense Coach Carlen has moved Dale Farley (6-4, 240) from defensive end to linebacker where his speed and agility can be utilized more effectively. Middle guard Carl Crennel (6-0, 226), who has been on the All-America lists for two seasons, now comes into his senior go with a keen knowledge of the opposing offenses. Starting his third year as defensive tackle is George Henshaw (6-1, 226).

WASHINGTON & LEE (3-5-1)—Coach Graham (Buck) Leslie lost 17 lettermen, plus an 18th as leading ground-gainer Joe Dozier stayed on the injury list. W&L plays in the geographically-wide-spread College Athletic Conference, over many states and across the Mississippi. The offensive backfield strength is senior quarterback Chuck Kuhn, master of the rollout option play; fullback Tom Barton and half back-blocker Doug Gossman. Tri-captains are tackle Tom McJunkin, center Mike (Thunder) Thornton and linebacker Dean Kumpuris.

APPALACHIAN STATE in its second independent year, (8-2-0), has 30 lettermen for coach Carl Messere, including fullback Dwight Kerr, linebacker David Neeld and Clayton Deskins, a quick sophomore who crossed enemy goal lines seven times as a freshman.

WESTERN CAROLINA (5-4-0) begins independent play under new coach Bob Waters, who inherits passing QB Don Dalton and running Otis McIntosh, plus guard Mike Biggerstaff.

CENTRAL INTERCOLLEGIATE

NORTH CAROLINA A&T (6-1-0, 8-1-0)—The Aggies come on strong again. If anybody ever cried, and with good reason it appeared, it was rookie coach Hornsby Howell a year ago, and yet he built a defense that simply beat down bigger men. It held Morgan State and Florida A&M to single touchdowns on successive Saturdays—and won. That is no mean achievement.

The Aggies return 25 lettermen, yet they gave up four stars to the pros. They go strong on defense again, and it's pinpointed on the return of Warren Frye (6-4, 250) who suffered a broken leg a few days after Howell took over in the spring of '68. He's pro stuff. The Aggies look to 230-pound tackle Lester Moore and 220-pound Ralph Coleman, ends Doug Hentz and Billy Gaines, 228-pound Dempsey Bryant now at linebacker.

The secondary will be outstanding, Merl Code and Doug Westmoreland (brother to Miami Dolphin Dick) as cornrebacks. The Aggies had to slave for touchdowns offensively, and this time Stan Jacobs returns as the quarterback who hit 54 per cent of 159 tosses (1,248 yards, 14 touchdowns). He throws to end Willie Wright (6-4, 202) and flanker Daryle Cherry, a star basketballer, and then he calls on fullback Tommy Blue (6-2, 218) and transfer halfback Harold Riley.

MORGAN STATE (7-1-0, 8-1-0)—Under coach Earl Banks, one of the great coaches in Negro football, the Bears have taken four consecutive conference championships and 34 of 35 games. The Bears are hunting again. QB Charles Harrison is the offen-

sive leader, and he directs fullback Joseph Alex (6-1, 240) and a great tight end, Ray Chester (6-3, 225). Coach Banks must develop runners to replace two NFL draftees.

Bob Smith (6-1, 230) tops the offensive line operation. The defense had some graduation losses, but tackle Harold Bell (6-2) starts for the third straight year and Mark Washington stars in the defensive backfield.

MARYLAND STATE (3-2-1, 5-2-1)—As always this is a pro team when it comes to physique, but coach Roosevelt Gilliam has to look under the rug to find replacements for four All-Conference guys the pros drafted. Moses Denton (6-1, 203) averaged 5.6 yards per rush last season and he also runs the 100 in 9.7. He led the CIAA rushing; if he has to, he just runs over people. Quarterback Henry Shropshire knows how to use Denton. When they have to punt, the Hawks call on the NCAA's college division punting leader, Warner Robertson, 44.2 yard per boot. Isiah Irons (6-3, 230) tops the defense at end.

JOHNSON C. SMITH (3-3-0, 5-4-0)—Up from the second division of the CIAA's almost unwieldly 17 teams here is a definite challenger. The backfield is explosive, period: Donald Littlejohn (runner) and Elroy Duncan (passer) as quarterbacks, halfback William Dusenberry, tank-power fullback Thaddeus Jones (5-11, 205) and flanker Bennie Johnson, who runs the hundred in 9.4 and rates the finest pass receiver in the league. Bob Beamer, another halfback, goes 9.6 on the hundred. Tight end is Charles Stowe (6-4, 220) and tackle is Paul Reed (6-4, 260). Defensively, the Golden Bulls hope to improve with a unit sparked by middle guard Grover Smith (5-10, 280) and tackle Richard Jenkins (6-3, 255).

With 17 schools, scheduling is difficult in the CIAA, and the Dickinson point rating is used to determine the champion. Pushing the top four teams in the CIAA will be **NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE** (6-2-0, 6-2-0) with coach George Quiett in his second season. Due for a high draft call is Doug Wilkerson (6-2, 230) who plays tackle and guard, both ways, who goes the full 40 in full pads in 4.7. The pros look at him for tight end. Offense will have the M & M combination: quarterback Herman Matthews (8 touchdown passes) and end Julian Martin (5 TD catches). **NORFOLK STATE** (2-4-1, 2-5-1) could be a real surprise following coach Curt Maddox' rookie season. The Spartans will be sound defensively and offensively, and the two fullbacks rate among the top pro draft choices: Larry James (6-2, 240), only a junior, of course, and Pettus Farrar (6-4, 215). James runs like a halfback, is rated by rival coaches as another Jim Brown. Senior tackle Wyman Duke and flanker Ray Jarvis, among the top receivers are All-Conference candidates. **VIRGINIA STATE** (5-2-1, 5-2-1) goes the 15th season with W. W. Lawson Sr. as head coach. He goes by the W. W., but he plays the T. The Trojans count on Calvin Landhorse, guard (5-1, 245); James Mitchell, All-CIAA tackle (6-3,

240); and James Williams, halfback, (6-1, 186). **HAMPTON INSTITUTE** (4-2-1, 4-3-2) inaugurates a new campaign with a new coach, and he has a terrific tackle to go both ways, the All-CIAA defensive choice, Bert Robinson (6-5, 285). **ELIZABETH CITY STATE** (7-1-0, 8-1-0) has to rebuild under coach Tom Caldwell after losing All-Conference players, including the NFL choice at QB, Johnny Walton, total offensive leader in the CIAA. This will also be the year when more teams use white scholarship players, begun at Maryland State several years ago.

SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC

ALCORN A&M (6-1-0, 9-1-0)—Coach Marino Casem plays Grambling Sept. 13 and he says, "We settle the national championship in the first game." But there is a full fall, and Casem has experience in the first 22, then depth as a problem for the team that lost nine in the pro draft. He's going to pass, he's going to be explosive in the tight wing-T, he aims to repeat as National Negro champion (one poll). To do this Alcorn has quarterback Marvin Weeks, voted most valuable. The 187-pound Weeks passed for 15 touchdowns (105 for 205 tries, 1,446 yards), ran six more. His 216-pound fullback Willie Ray averaged 4.2 yards per carry and was never thrown for a loss. Flanker Oscar Martin caught nine TD passes, and in the Orange Blossom Classic (36-9 over Florida A&M) two passes were thrown to him—he caught both for touchdowns. The offensive line has tight end Allen Simmons (6-3, 210) and split end Eddie Hackett (6-1, 190); tackle Willie Young (6-4, 270); and guard Curtis Williams (5-11, 265). Coach Casem's defense held Florida A&M to a minus 97 yards, all 10 opponents to a net minus. Rayford (Tex) Jenkins (6-1, 210) is called the best linebacker in the nation. Defensive back David Hatley made All-America (AP, NAIA), took the best offensive man in each game.

GRAMBLING (6-1-0, 9-2-0)—The Tigers played in Yankee Stadium, the Astrodome and the Rose Bowl, and coach Eddie Robinson aims to come back with something better. Robby has to make up for eight pro draft choices and two academic losses. Collie Nicholson, the SID, moans thusly: "Coaches are snorting in disdain because half the team can't block and tackle, the other half can't read and write." The Tigers lose quarterback James Harris (4,915 yards career, 53 touchdown passes), but they retain Willie Armstrong (235 pounds) top rusher with 802 yards in 136 carries, and wingback Frank Lewis who led the team in scoring with 86 points, catching 35 passes, 14 for touchdowns. Fullback is 228-pound William O'Neal, and that brings the whole story down to quarterback. Who's for Harris? He might be Frank Holmes, Wesley Lee or James Gregory, or it might be all three. Line-wise, the Grambling forces again have size and lateral mobility. Ends are Bill Manning (230) and Kerry Grant (255), tackles Clifford Gasper (285) and Walter Breaux (300), guards Richard Harris (225) and Samuel Wallace (230).

TEXAS SOUTHERN (6-1-0, 6-4-0)—Using the pro set offense, coach Clifford Paul returns most of the squad which shared the conference title with Alcorn and Grambling (Alcorn beat Grambling which beat Texas Southern which beat Alcorn at 6-1). There is All-Conference end Julius Adams (6-2, 250) and defensive tackle Charles Blossom (6-3, 250), and quick in addition to his size. A great receiver and pro prospect is Ken Burroughs (6-4, 215), 9.4 in the hundred and catcher of 61 passes for 811 yards and six touchdowns. Offensive guard stalwart is Gordon McMorris (6-3, 250). Quarterback will be David May, third in the conference with 1,220 passing yards as a reserve starter, and the top runner is 230-pound John Moseley.

PRAIRIE VIEW (2-5-0, 4-5-0)—The Panthers have 26 lettermen, even though most are sophomores, for coach Hoover Wright. Key to the offense is All-America split end Charles Williams (6-4, 215), versatile to the point he's a 9.7 sprinter and a 6-10 high jumper. Sophomore quarterback Allen Merchant (6-2, 205) will throw to him, and Allen says: "I don't worry about hitting Charles on the money; he'll catch the ball anywhere it's thrown." Running will be Jerry (The Jet) Jefferson and 215-pound fullback Willie Holloway. Tacklers are Sam Adams and Ed Fisher, both 240; top guard 245-pound Johnny Jernigan; this tops a fine offensive line. Defense is sparked by All-Conference end James Bagby (6-4, 315).

Offering another SWAC challenge is **JACKSON STATE** (1-6-0, 3-6-0) under a new coach, Ulysses Simpson McPherson. Quarterback is contested by Robert Kelly, injured in the opening event a year ago, and Richard Lampkin who became the "Cinderella Man." He hit 83 of 182 passes for 1,158 yards and six touchdowns. Top receivers will be Richard Caster, Alford Clanton and Jerome Barkum. On defense tackles Walter Ramsey (6-3, 228) and Willie Krish (6-7, 238) are the standouts. **SOUTHERN UNIV.** (3-4-0, 4-6-0) will be under a new coach, Al Tabor, formerly of the New Orleans Saints. **ARKANSAS AM&N** (4-3-0, 4-5-0) counts on an improved squad with James White as the runner, having gained 548 yards a year ago on 136 rushes. **WILEY** has dropped football.

CLIFFORD GASPER, 285-pound giant guard, is a relentless driver and clever play diagnostician for Grambling.



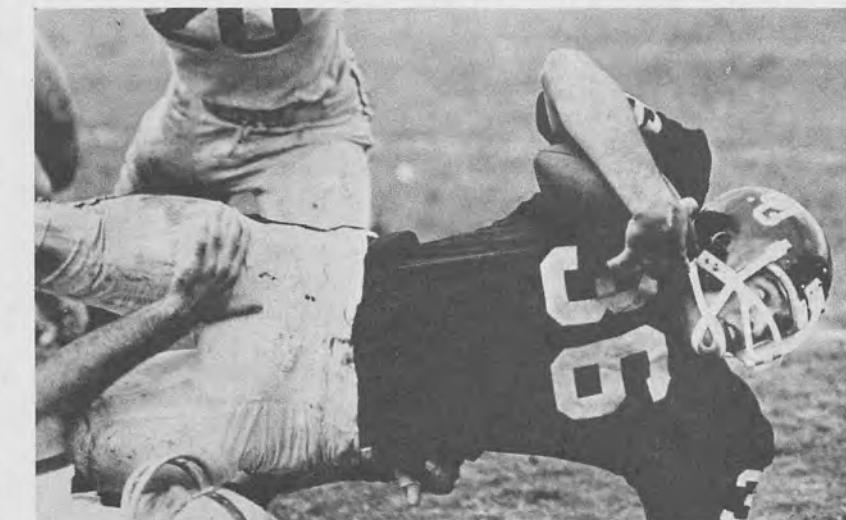
CAROLINAS CONFERENCE

LENOIR RHYNE (4-1-0, 7-2-0)—This is another of the area's single wing offenses which push for touchdowns rather than first downs, and for the past two seasons the Bears have set records. But this time the Bears have to go with raw meat up front. That means coach Hanley Painter has to replace the offensive line, except for two ends, Bryan Jack (6-4, 215) and Pete Paddon (6-1, 190). The Bears, surprised by Elon in November, ended with a co-championship with Presbyterian, but they got as high as fifth in the national college polls by mid-season. The Bears return two tailbacks, those single-wing-type guys who can run and pass and sell programs in the stands if they have to. Mike McRee and sophomore Mike Porter have the honors. Fullback Carl Bartles (6-0, 195) was the top ground-gainer in the CC, and wingback Toby Morgan has averaged over eight yards per carry for two seasons. Freshmen and sophs have to go up front. However, Lenoir Rhyne lost only a safety man off the defense. Middle guard Tommy Lumsden is 6-2, 220, and tackles Petty Brice is 6-4, 230, and George Nazarovich 6-1, 220. At strong safety is three-year-starter Benny Moose, so the Bears can again be a power.

In the conference **CATAWBA** (2-3-0, 2-8-0) came up with only two wins but 12 freshmen played on the first 22. Coach Harvey Stratton looks to passing once again. Ike Hill missed by one of setting the NAIA mark for touchdowns by pass reception (15), and both quarterbacks return with Hill: Gray Hardison the passer, Harry Monokian the runner. Roger Johnson, 9.6 in the 100, missed last season by knee operation. Tackle Bill Griffith (6-6, 255) will go both ways after missing last year, now a definite pro prospect. **ELON** (3-3-0, 4-5-0) stopped Lenoir Rhyne from undisputed claim to the CC title, and coach Red Wilson has experienced players, losing only four seniors. He will go with the multiple-set offense, rather than the single wing, and quarterbacks will be Wake Forest transfer Jimmy Arrington and Jack Greene. The ends can catch everything: Richard McGeorge, 65 catches for eight touchdowns and 1,100 yards, and Jim Waller, 34 for seven touchdowns. Pete McDaniel, tackle, and John Romano, end, spark the defense. **PRESBYTERIAN** (4-1-0, 6-4-0) lost its offensive duo of Dan Eckstein and Bill Kirtland, but QB Allen McNeill can throw, fullback Phil Bradner can drive, and Bill Caldwell is a fine tight end. The Blue Hose lost 10 starting seniors. With a couple big freshmen and transfer tackles **GUILFORD** (1-5-0, 2-8-0) could be a factor under coach Bob Lord in his second year. There are 22 lettermen, mainly in the backfield with QB Ray Tavalaro who passed over 700 yards in the final three games. Running back Danny Wheeling returns after missing '68 with an injury. All-Conference safety Willie Inman sparks the defense. **NEWBERRY** (2-3-0, 3-7-0), in coach Fred Herren's second round, returns all the starting offensive line except tight end, and has Gary Whelchell at quarterback with 190-pound Jimmy Fulton to run. Linebacker Bob Hammersla, 190-pound senior, heads the defensive call.



BOB ANDERSON, Colorado's All-America quarterback candidate, gets some fine blocking as he swings out on scoring jaunt in 41-27 win over Oklahoma. Bob set Big Eight total offense record with 2,128 yards in his junior campaign.



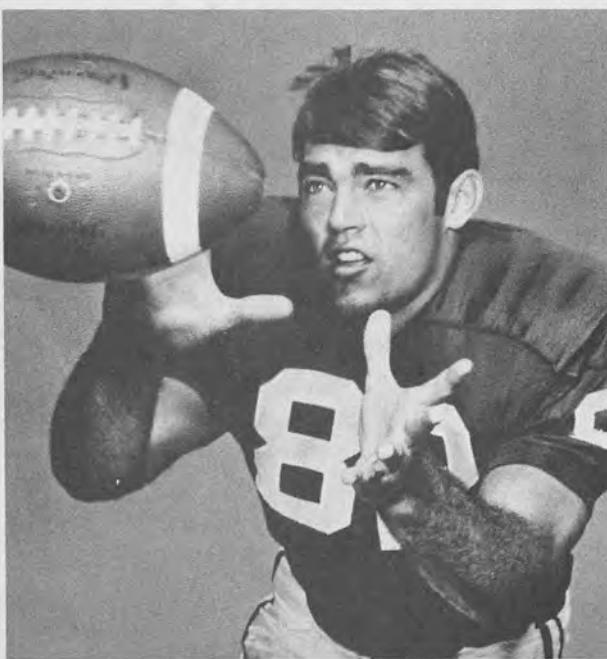
STEVE OWENS Oklahoma tailback, who set all-time U.S. mark with 357 carries, stretches for 8-yard gain.

ROCKY WALLACE (left) is major Missouri asset as kicker and defensive tackle.

STEVE ZABEL (right), provides versatile skill on wing for Sooner gridders.



BUTCH DAVIS (left), alert halfback, is major factor on defense for Missouri.





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Big Eight and Missouri Valley

BIG EIGHT AND VALLEY PRETENDERS FACE PROBLEM OF HOLDING THOSE TIGERS

PREDICTIONS

Big Eight

1. Missouri	5. Nebraska
2. Oklahoma	6. Kansas
3. Colorado	7. Iowa State
4. Kansas State	8. Oklahoma State

Missouri Valley

1. Memphis State	4. Tulsa
2. North Texas State	5. Louisville
3. Cincinnati	6. Wichita State

Independents

1. Drake	2. Bradley	3. Parsons
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North Central

1. North Dakota State	5. South Dakota State
2. South Dakota	6. Morningside
3. North Dakota	7. Augustana
4. Northern Iowa	

In Chinese circles it may be the Year of the Chicken, but in the Big Eight and Missouri Valley Conference football championship chases it should be the year of the Tiger—Missouri and Memphis State varieties, that is.

Now there may be some loud cries of anguish from the two veteran bosses of gridiron fortunes, Dan Devine at Missouri and Billy (Spook) Murphy at Memphis State, over having their teams tabbed as title favorites. If so, they might be justified.

Even though Memphis State is the defending champion entering its second year of competition in the Missouri Valley, the Tigers don't figure just to waltz to the title without a serious challenge, probably from last year's runner-up, North Texas State.

These two figure to battle it out again since the other four league teams will be operating under new coaches and could have problems adjusting to new systems. Since Memphis State entertains North Texas State in Memphis the second game, Valley devotees should have a clear indication of the eventual outcome at an early date.

There won't be any climactic Big Eight games that early. In fact, it's entirely possible the league title won't be decided until the final weekend of

action in November. If it is, then it will be a major surprise.

Oklahoma reigned as clear-cut champion two years ago and last season wound up in a championship tie with Kansas. The Sooners won't abdicate without a tremendous struggle, but Kansas doesn't figure to be able to make up for the loss of many standouts sufficiently to be a serious challenger. Colorado seems to fit the bill in that category, especially with Bob Anderson, a top-notch All-America candidate returning for his third year as the regular quarterback.

Only one change has been made in the coaching ranks in the Big Eight, with Oklahoma State turning to a former player, Floyd Gass, to fill the spot left vacant by Phil Cutchin. Gass returns to the Cowboys after eight years at the helm of Austin College in Sherman, Tex., with a 48-26-1 record.

There was a mass switch in the Missouri Valley. Cincinnati's Ray Callahan, who replaces Homer Rice, figures to have an advantage over the others since he has been Rice's top aide with the Bearcats the last two seasons. Stepping into totally new jobs are Vince Carillot at Tulsa, replacing veteran Glenn Dobbs; Lee Corso, former offensive coach at Navy who takes over from long-time Louisville coach Frank Camp; and Ben Wilson at Wichita State, who was offensive coach at Virginia last year and succeeds Eddie Kriwiel.

Just about everything will be new at Wichita State. Not only will Wilson be the fourth head coach in four years, but there will be a completely new stadium seating 31,500.

The Valley long has been recognized as one of the most offensive minded, especially in the air, conferences in the nation and for its pro-sized linemen. This season should be no exception. Even though Cincinnati's Greg Cook, the nation's leader in total offense with 3,210 yards, has departed, North Texas will have the services again of Steve Ramsey, who ranked No. 4 with 2,367 yards and was responsible for 24 touchdowns. His top receiver, Barry Moore, was fifth in the nation with 69 receptions. Other standouts offensively to watch include split end Jim O'Brien of Cincinnati, fullback Ray Jamieson of Memphis State, quarterback John Dobbs of Tulsa, who will have to fight off six challengers, and fullback Pete Robertson of Wichita State, who was the league's Sophomore Back of the Year as a tailback.

Among the most touted linemen are Louisville's Lee Bougess, 6-2 and 210, who may divide time between defensive end and fullback; Cincinnati's Bob Bell, 6-4, 250-pound defensive tackle; Tulsa's

Luke Blair, 6-0, 224-pound linebacker; Memphis State's Bob Parker, 6-3, 236-pound defensive end; and North Texas State's Glen Holloway, an offensive guard at 6-3 and 245.

When you talk about offensive standouts in the Big Eight, you have to start with Steve Owens of Oklahoma, the slashing halfback who needs only 1,045 yards to smash the national 3-year rushing mark after piling up 2,344 his first two seasons. Then there's Bob Anderson, Colorado's 2-year regular quarterback, who needs only 1,070 more yards to become the league's all-time total offense leader. Another prime All-America candidate is John Riggins, junior Kansas fullback who gained 866 yards last year as a rookie. Top offensive linemen probably will be a pair of ends, Oklahoma's Steve Zabel and Kansas' John Mosier.

Sure-bets for All-America consideration on defense are Missouri's Rocky Wallace at tackle and Kansas' Emery Hicks, whether he be stationed at linebacker or middle guard.

BIG EIGHT

MISSOURI—With that smashing 35-10 conquest of Alabama in the Gator bowl still ringing in their ears, the Tigers head into the season tabbed as the likely replacements in the Big Eight throne room. Few coaches like to be picked as the favorite and Dan Devine, whose 14-year record stands at 106-32-8, is no exception. Yet, when he confesses that his toughest chore this season will be finding adequate replacements for five key defensive regulars, you had better believe the Tigers will be tough.

Missouri is one of only three conference teams with its regular quarterback returning and that has to be considered a definite plus. Terry McMillan (6-1, 182) matured rapidly at that post late last season and was named the Outstanding Player in the Gator bowl. If his aerial consistency improves, he could be one of the best in the conference in recent years. His understudy, Garnett Phelps, also is back and there are two good sophomores coming up in Mike Farmer and Chuck Roper. Jon Staggers (5-10, 182) is an extremely talented slotback and fullback James Harrison (6-4, 238) may be shifted to tailback but should help wherever he is.

Up front offensively, the Tigers will be strong at end with Tom Shryock (6-0, 200) at the tight spot and Mel Gray (5-9, 169), a 9.3 speedster, on the split side. Center Tim Crnko (6-0, 200) is one of the steadiest performers around.

Defensively, only two regulars return from Missouri's normal 6-man front, both tackles. Jay (Rocky) Wallace (6-1, 210) is rated one of the top All-America candidates with excellent speed, reaction and pursuit and Mark Kuhlman (6-3, 218) is tough to move out of the way. All-America Roger Wehrli has left the safety spot open after three great seasons, but Butch Davis (5-11, 183) is expected to move over from halfback and fill the bill there. Veteran George Fountain (5-9, 170) and holdover Dennis Poppe (6-3, 205) should make the Tigers tough as usual in the secondary at halfbacks. Biggest problem defensively probably will be at the guards, where all the candidates are virtually untried.

If the Tigers escape a punishing non-conference slate against Air Force, Illinois and Michigan in relatively good shape, Missouri could have its most successful campaign in years.

OKLAHOMA—Coach Chuck Fairbanks was busier in spring drills switching players around than a wood-pecker in a redwood forest. "We've got a rebuilding job to do," he stated firmly. Shortly thereafter, he confessed, "This squad possesses more quality talent than ever before." Obviously, adjustments have to be made because of the loss of 10 starters, but when the straight-talking Sooner boss says there is that much talent around, opponents had better beware.

Offensively, two big problems exist in the backfield. Quarterback Bob Warmack, who started 31 straight games, and wingback Eddie Hinton, Baltimore's first-round draft choice, have departed. The signal calling problem could be solved if Mickey Ripley (6-0, 175), who replaced the injured Warmack in the Bluebonnet bowl game, and a pair of highly touted sophomores, Jack Mildren (6-1, 195) and Mike Jones, come through as expected. Rookie Roy Bell looms as the heir to Hinton's spot.

But the big man on the attack once again will be Steve Owens (6-2, 215), the senior tailback who has gained 100 or more yards his last 10 games. He shows a career log of 2,518 yards and needs only

JOHN RIGGINS (left) led Kansas in rushing with 866 yards as All-Big 8 fullback.

EMERY HICKS makes bid for All-America as stellar linebacker for Jayhawks.

MIKE MONTGOMERY (right) moves from end to fullback to aid K. State

MACK HERRON, 6th in nation on kickoff returns, is top wingback for K. State.



1,045 more to become the all-time NCAA rushing leader. Fullback Mike Harper (5-11, 195) is the man who makes Owens go, clearing the way 90 percent of the plays.

Ken Mendenhall (6-2, 215), All-Conference center and strong All-America candidate, will anchor the front line. Steve Zabel (6-4, 235) had knee surgery in the spring, but will play somewhere if he has healed. He split time last year between tight end and defensive end.

All of the down linemen on defense will be new and some solid linebackers must emerge to go with veteran Steve Casteel (6-3, 210). One who could help here is Vince LaRosa, 220-pound rookie from Brooklyn. Jim Files (6-4, 210) has been shifted from end to the monster spot. Another returning standout, Bruce Stensrud (6-1, 180), has moved from halfback to safety to plug a void there and figures to be one of the best.

COLORADO—Coach Eddie Crowder has more returning lettermen (39) than anyone in the Big Eight and prospects are that the Buffs will rebound from a 4-6 record last year. Still, nine of the 12 departing lettermen were starters, seven of them on defense.

The former Oklahoma All-America quarterback is the first to confide that his primary job is to plug defensive deficiencies. The offense should take care of itself.

Three sophomores should help take up some of the slack on defense. Cornerback Marv Whitaker (6-2, 185), defensive end Herb Orvis (6-4, 225 and an ex-serviceman) and Paul Arendt (6-3, 200), a safety who was the No. 1 frosh quarterback last season are rated top-notch performers.

Two veteran defensive standouts back for another campaign are middle guard Bill Collins (6-1, 217), who missed spring drills because of shoulder surgery, and defensive halfback Pat Murphy (6-0, 196), who fits into the tradition of speed and sure-tackling strength in Colorado secondaries.

When it comes to offense, one name rings the bell. That's Bob Anderson, the 6-0, 205-pound senior quarterback who has been a regular two years. He led the conference in total offense last season with a record 2,128 yards and could be the first in league history to cross the 5,000-yard plateau.

Other backfield veterans returning are halfback Steve Engel (6-2, 215), fullback Ward Walsh (6-1, 210) and slotback Mike Pruett (6-2, 220). A newcomer to watch is tailback Doug Kaufman.

Several gigantic transfers could fit into the picture somewhere. Included are Jim Rayside (6-5, 265), a Canadian who was redshirted last year; Greg Grodhaus (6-2, 270), formerly of S.M.U.; Dean Yelton (6-4, 265) and two from Henderson County juco in Athens, Tex., Jerry Lee (6-3, 236) and Eddie Fusiek (6-4, 255).

KANSAS STATE—When Vince Gibson assumed control of Wildcat grid fortunes two years ago, the ex-Tennessee assistant's battlecry was "We gonna win." There were many doubters since the 'Cats had gone 21 straight games without a victory. Kansas State



STEVE ENGEL, 6-2, 215-pound fullback who rushed for 491 yards last season, is one of 39 lettermen at Colorado.

won its opener under Gibson, then reeled to nine straight setbacks. Improvement was more evident last year and the Wildcats finished with a 4-6 record. Now it appears they are on the verge of becoming a vital force in the conference race.

There are 35 returning lettermen, including eight offensive and 10 defensive starters. Also on hand are several highly regarded juco transfers and several promising sophomores. Depth should be the best it has been in years.

Heading the offensive thrust will be Lynn Dickey (6-4, 190), junior quarterback who didn't start the first four games last year but still wound up as the league's leading passer with 125 completions in 258 tries for 1,569 yards. His favorite target last season, All-Conference Dave Jones, is gone but speedster Mack Herron, a 9.4 sprinter at 5-7 and 175, is back. Other top receiving candidates are Forry Wells, rookie Jack Parry, Bob Long and another 9.4 sprinter, Charlie Collins.

Gibson is putting emphasis on a stronger running game to complement the aerial attack. If Russell Harrison (6-0, 210) and Henry Hawthorne, a juco transfer, come through at halfback, the Wildcats should be extremely potent. Mike Montgomery (6-3, 190) has moved from end to fullback and is rated highly.

Starters return defensively at all the linebacking and secondary spots. Three defenders ticketed for stardom are Manuel Barrera (6-2, 225) at end, Oscar Gibson (6-1, 215) at linebacker and Clarence Scott (6-1, 175) at halfback. Keep your eye on Ron Yankowski, too. The 6-3, 230-pound juco transfer could be one of the best tackles in the league.

NEBRASKA—If the Huskers develop more offensive consistency to go with their always-tough defense, coach Bob Devaney should have no trouble posting



MIKE KIRAR (above) returns to defensive end at Iowa State after year out.

WAYNE BESKE, 6-1 and 212, anchors defensive line at center for Iowa State U.



JOHN WARD, Okla. State senior, packs 242 pounds of vet savvy at tackle.



JOHN LITTLE (right) is outstanding 6-3 blocker at guard for Oklahoma State.

his eighth straight winning record this campaign.

That's where the rub comes in, though. Devaney claims offensive consistency demands solid quarterbacking and there was considerable emphasis placed on working with all candidates in spring drills. Big Frank Patrick (6-7, 217) was a star two years ago as a sophomore, but then lost out to the departed Ernie Sigler last season after getting off to a shaky start. If he should regain his touch, both passing and running, the problem is solved. Many husker observers believe it will be sophomore Van Brownson (6-2, 176) at the controls when the season opener rolls around.

Joe Orduna (6-0, 196) at halfback and Mike Green (6-0, 205) at fullback offer fine running talent with good speed. Up front, tight end Jim McFarland (6-4, 223) draws raves from pro scouts, who tab him one of the best in the nation. Several position changes will be made in the offensive line, where four starters have departed.

Nine defensive regulars are on hand for another campaign, but one key switch of personnel could put Ken Geddes (6-2, 215), an All-Conference linebacker last year, at middle guard. If that comes off, last season's regular middle guard, Bill Hornbacher (5-11, 216), will move over to tackle. Sherwin Jarmon (6-1, 202) is a top-notch defensive end.

The defensive secondary is solid with such standouts as Dana Stephenson (6-1, 183), unanimous All-Conference choice, and Al Larson (6-1, 202), a 2-year regular, returning. Randy Reeves, another veteran, will fit into the picture if corrective knee surgery was successful.

There are 31 lettermen available and 13 returning starters, four on offense and nine on defense, but some fine newcomers off the freshman team should help provide key depth.

KANSAS—As far as Jayhawk fans are concerned, coach Pepper Rodgers is a modern day version of the Miracle Worker. He brought Kansas back from two straight 2-8 seasons to 5-5 and 9-1 records his first two years at the helm before that crushing 15-14 loss to Penn State in the Orange Bowl. But now he faces what undoubtedly will be his most demanding challenge.

Gone are 17 lettermen, including five offensive

and eight defensive starters. Among them are All-America quarterback Bobby Douglass, All-Conference tackle Keith Christensen, defensive end John Zook and standout tailback Donnie Shanklin.

Rodgers still boasts several outstanding performers, but depth and experience will be problems. Much of spring drills was spent in switching personnel in an effort to get the best alignment possible. More shifting was done in pre-season workouts.

Heir apparent to Douglass at quarterback is Jim Ettinger, the back-up man the last two seasons on an extremely limited basis. The 6-2, 190-pound senior was at the controls less than 10 per cent the last two years. With Douglass and Shanklin gone, most of the big-play threat that characterized the Jayhawks is gone and it is expected a running attack will be emphasized more. Pride and joy of that department is fullback John Riggins (6-2, 225), All-Conference and Sophomore of the Year after gaining 866 yards his rookie season. Transfer tailback Ron Jessie (6-2, 182) should provide a boost. Top men up front should be center Dale Evans (6-2, 209) and tight end John Mosier (6-4, 215), All-Conference last year.

Emery Hicks (5-11, 232) will be a strong All-America candidate regardless of where he plays on defense. A linebacker last season, he might wind up back at his former middle guard post. Tackle Karl Salb (6-3, 275) and Al Jakobcic (6-1, 215) should help bolster the decimated defense.

IOWA STATE—Most veteran observers of Big Eight football conceded last year that the Cyclones and new coach Johnny Majors would have a good season if they could win one game. They finished with a 3-7 mark and the watchword went out fast: Beware of the Cyclones, they're going to be tough from now on.

They do figure to be stronger, but the record may not be any better. In non-conference action, they will trade Buffalo and Arizona to take on Illinois and Syracuse so that won't help any.

Biggest problem facing Majors as he tries to marshall his forces for a successful campaign is finding a quarterback as effective as the departed John Warder. Obert Tisdale (6-2, 190), who runs and throws equally well and is an accomplished scram-



GLEN HOLLOWAY, No. Texas guard, is one of top interior linemen in land.

STEVE RAMSEY (left) is taking aim at NCAA air marks as senior Raider.

bler, is the front runner at this state, but there are five other candidates vying for the job, including two promising juco transfers, Randy Paolomino and Ralph Baracz.

One of the most important shifts has been that of Jeff Allen (6-0, 192) from wingback to tailback to take better advantage of his running ability (he averaged 5.4 yards a carry last year). The offensive line will be anchored by center Wayne Beske (6-1, 212) and strongside guard Mike Bliss (6-0, 200).

Three standouts on defense should be end Mike Kirar (6-2, 199), who sat out almost all last season because of injury; linebacker Steve Powers (6-1, 192), a fine leader who finally found his niche after being shifted to several different positions; and Tony Washington (6-1, 177), a junior safety with good range and great desire.

Since Majors used so many sophomores last season, only four starters are missing, two each on offense and defense. The year's experience should prove beneficial to those who were thrown into battle so early last season.

OKLAHOMA STATE—There'll be a completely new look for the Cowboys this year. Floyd Gass, a 1950 graduate, returns to his alma mater after eight years at Austin College in Sherman, Tex., and will install a pro-type set and "I" formation, shifting back and forth. The basic defensive alignments will be pro-type also, 4-3 or 6-1.

After spring drills and an effort to become familiarized with the personnel left from the regime of Phil Cutchin, Gass indicated there probably would be even more position switches than he had tried in the early workouts. Cowboy fans undoubtedly will have to have a program to know who is playing where.

Although six offensive regulars and eight defensive starters are among the 27 returning lettermen, the make-up of the No. 1 units could be a mystery right up to starting time of the opening game.

The Cowboys annually play one of the toughest schedules in the nation—five opponents played in bowl games last season—and this year will be no exception with Arkansas, Houston and Texas Tech furnishing non-conference opposition.

Two standouts, regardless of where they are sta-

tioned, are certain to be John Little and John Ward. Little (6-3, 207) was a defensive guard last year but was tried as the left linebacker in the spring. He made every All-Conference team last season. Ward (6-4½, 242) is high on every pro list. A former high school state wrestling champion, he has exceptional speed for a big man and is a punishing blocker. He could be at tackle either on offense or defense.

Five quarterbacks were given a shot at the regular berth in spring drills, but the probable winner is Bob Cutborth (6-2, 210). As the back-up man for Ronnie Johnson last year, the rangy senior completed half of his 46 passes for 265 yards. Rookie tailback Bobby Cole (6-0, 176) is a highly regarded runner.

MISSOURI VALLEY

MEMPHIS STATE—When a defending champion in its first year of conference competition returns 33 lettermen and lost only 11, it would be foolhardy to pick against it to repeat. That's the category the Tigers fit in and coach Billy (Spook) Murphy also will welcome several highly regarded rookies. Yet, Memphis State could have extreme trouble before it gets into the heart of its campaign since its first three games are with Mississippi, North Texas State and Tennessee. If the Tigers come out of that 3-week meatgrinder with their claws still sharp, look out.

If there's a serious problem at any spot, it would be defensive end, even though All-Conference Bob Parker (6-3, 236) is set at one of the terminals. He started last season as an offensive guard but shifted to defensive tackle at the midway mark because of injuries that depleted that position. He figures to be a standout wherever he is stationed. The other flank probably will be manned by senior Bobby Dees, but reserve strength is questionable.

The defensive secondary should be excellent, with starters Jerry Todd, Steve Jaggard and David Berrong being pushed by touted newcomers Jeff Bruner, William Daggett and Charles Babb, up from the freshman team.

Offensively, the Tigers probably will rely mostly on their ground attack with All-Conference fullback Ray Jamieson and tailback Jay McCoy, the leading scorer last year, set for another campaign. Both are juniors and junior college transfers Richard Dick, Grant Schwoy and Bill Reddish will give the club more depth.

There are two seasoned quarterbacks in seniors Danny Pierce and Rick Thurow, plus highly regarded Steve Leech up from the freshman ranks. All of last year's receivers return except Nick Pappas, who caught only two of the 71 completed. Returning starters up front are tackle Larry McGhee (6-1, 210), tight end John Kirschner (6-4, 225) and guards Ray Damphousse (6-1, 228) and Al Holtz (6-3, 215).

NORTH TEXAS STATE—Offense should again be no problem for coach Rod Rust's Eagles, also aptly described as the Mean Green. Rust, who has a 15-3-1 record as he enters his third year as head coach,

has eight returning offensive starters, including five who have won All-Conference honors.

Quarterback Steve Ramsey (6-2, 207) will be gunning for four NCAA passing records in his senior year—attempts, completions, passing yardage and touchdown passes. The prime All-America candidate needs, respectively, 343, 153, 2,248 and 7. If he maintains only last year's pace, he'll smash at least three of them since he went, in the same order, 332, 177, 2,516 and 24 during the 1968 campaign.

Ramsey has his three primary receivers—Ronnie Shanklin at flanker, Barry Moore at split end and Bob Helterbran at tight end—back for another campaign. Guard Glen Holloway, rated a top prospect for All-America honors, will spearhead the line, where center could be the only problem.

It won't be easy to fill the vacancies left by All-America tackle Joe Greene and All-Conference linebacker James Ivy plus secondary veterans Mike Shook and Charles Beatty on defense. But there are seven other returning starters, including 2-year veterans Bernie Barbour and Ret Little in the secondary. Two switches have been at linebacker, with Richard Gill going to the middle spot and Steve Atchley to the right post from their spots in the front four last year.

North Texas State now has gone 8-2, 7-1-1 and 8-2 the last three seasons. There appears to be no reason the Eagles won't be outstanding again.

CINCINNATI—If Bearcat fans turn out for football games gaily bedecked in green this season, there'll be a reason. They'll be cheering an Irish combination that figures to produce hopefully a better record than the 5-4-1 last season. That, of course, would be the new coach, Ray Callahan, and the team's best bet for All-America honors, split end Jim O'Brien.

Starting his first season at the helm, Callahan doesn't figure to make many changes offensively but hopes to build a tougher defense. In the latter department, three players who figure prominently are monster man Earl Willson (6-1, 192), whose mid-season broken ankle proved costly; and two tackles, Bob Bell (6-4, 250) and Mike Miller (6-4, 240). The secondary needs an overhauling, but could get considerable help from some promising sophomores.

When it comes to offense, you start with O'Brien (6-0, 186), who beat out O. J. Simpson of Southern Cal for the national scoring title with 142 points, 70 of them on 13 field goals and 31 extra points. He hauled in 44 passes for 1,107 yards and 12 touchdowns, an average of 25.2 yards a catch and 27 percent going all the way.

Someone has to throw the ball, though, and the man on the spot this year as a replacement for the great Greg Cook at quarterback is Jim Ousley, a senior who was the back-up man last year. He gave Cook a real battle for the starting job last year, so Bearcat aerial fireworks should be in good hands again.

TULSA—Although Missouri Valley teams have been noted for mammoth linemen in the last few years,

there'll be a new look this season as far as the Golden Hurricane is concerned. Coach Vince Carillot started his new tenure by telling his linemen to shed weight in order to develop more quickness in an effort to make his forcing defense and multiple offense work to best advantage.

As head defensive coach at Michigan State, Carillot's charges led the nation. He'll have nine returning lettermen on the Tulsa defensive unit, including two All-Conference selections in Doug Wyatt, 6-1, 194-pound halfback who is rated a strong contender for All-America honors, and Luke Blair, 6-0, 224-pound linebacker named Sophomore Defensive Player of the Year in the conference. Two strongmen up front are end Doug Macauley (6-6, 238) and tackle Dennis Kemp (6-2, 240).

Tulsa probably will continue its heavy concentration on passing offensively and Carillot will have to weed out his regular quarterback from seven candidates. Junior John Dobbs, who completed 36 of 63 for 351 yards last year is the top candidate, but could be seriously pressed by two junior college transfers, Ray Borowicz and Dave Ellis, plus Rick Arrington, a 2-time knee surgery victim. The top receiver probably will be Joe Pistoia, who ranked second last season with 29 catches.

LOUISVILLE—Lee Corso comes off the battle line at the Naval Academy to take over as head man in the Cardinal camp, but he is still unsettled on how he will deploy his forces of 27 lettermen in an effort to improve on last year's 5-5 record.

Offensively, the brightest prospect is quarterback Oscar Brohm, who is being boomed for "all" honors this year after only limited appearances last season. His leading target should be Larry Hart, who hauled in 25 passes for 375 yards. Brohm also should get help from Lee Bouggess, 6-2, 210-pounder who probably will see duty at fullback as well as defensive end where he spent last season.

Graduation hit hardest in the defensive line and this will need shoring up. The defensive secondary should be improved with a year's experience and the linebacking sound with junior Jim Winters (6-2, 195) and Gerald Willis, a redshirt because of injury, providing a sound nucleus.

There could be a lot of position switches before the opening game as Corso becomes more familiar with the talent available and where it can be used to the best advantage.

WICHITA STATE—Coach Ben Wilson opens his first campaign as head coach of the Shockers with 26 lettermen, but that doesn't necessarily give an indication of strength since so many probably will be stationed at new positions.

There's a new offensive outlook, too—one that Wilson calls the "comprehensive" system. Under this plan, the tailback and fullback will be the primary runners, with the wingback a blocker and receiver, but Wilson promises to show the opposition a different look each week.

Speed, hitting ability and a winning attitude are stressed by Wilson, who takes over after the Shockers lost all 10 games last year. One of those who

should fit the bill offensively is Pete Robertson (5-9, 190), who gained recognition as the Valley's Sophomore Back of the Year after breaking rushing records that had stood since 1946. He will be switched from tailback to fullback. Another is guard Houston Hayes (6-0, 180), a high school teammate of Robertson's in East St. Louis, Ill.

A sure-fire defensive standout will be Lynn Duncan, the 6-2, 220-pound defensive tackle who has been voted Wichita State's Most Valuable Player as well as Best Defensive Player the last two seasons. Two redshirts who could help are Bob Crutchfield and Eugene Robinson in the backfield.

INDEPENDENTS

DRAKE—Bulldog opponents can be assured they'll face heavy aerial bombardment and with good strategical reason. Back in action will be the nation's tenth-ranked college-division passer, Gary McCoy, who established school records for touchdowns and yardage gained.

Coach Jack Wallace is faced with the problem of replacing last year's top receiver, Dick Hewins, who set NCAA college division records with 95 catches for 1,316 yards. Duane Miller, a converted 3-time letterman as a defensive back, is leading candidate for the split receiver job. Dave Herbert, seasoned tight end, also will be a primary target.

There's good experience and depth at every offensive line position, with 6-5, 240-pound Dave Simpson shifting from defensive end to strong side tackle leading the way. Most of the rushing burden will fall on sophomore tailback Scott Sharpe, and a pair of wingbacks, Bob Rogers and Steve Scullen.

Defensively, inexperience at tackle and one linebacker spot are the only major problems. Steve Hornung, a junior college transfer, should help at linebacker. Ken Groh and John Knight are rated top-notch ends.

BRADLEY—Coach Billy Stone welcomes back 24 lettermen and prospects are looking up for the Braves, who dipped to a 4-6 season last year. One reason for a little more optimism is the return of quarterback Larry Selinger.

Last season Selinger completed 115 of 243 passes for 1,500 yards and seven touchdowns. His prime targets probably will be fullback Tom Stephano and ends Ernie Pierantoni and Tom Whitney, who caught 27, 23 and 22 respectively. Stephano was the top rusher as a sophomore with 537 yards.

Mike Kepple is rated one of the top defensive halfbacks in the area. Coach Stone may go with an all-sophomore linebacking crew that shows fine promise in Dave Hebenstreit, Chuck Kalb and Mike Plessner.

PARSONS—After dropping their first four games in their first season under coach Wayne Williamson last year, the Fighting Wildcats found the key to success and won their last five outings. They could face the same problem this year since only 14 of 33 lettermen return.

Primary strength at the start of the season will be

the defensive unit spearheaded by middle guard Mark Schaeffer (6-0, 220), tackles Bob Pacetti (6-1, 250) and Frank Di Prima (6-0, 235) and ends John Curko and Frank Repass.

The offense still is a question mark, but one standout should be running back John Lanier, who averaged 4.5 yards a carry last season as a sophomore.

NORTH CENTRAL

NORTH DAKOTA STATE—College division football's No. 1 team last fall could repeat nationally in 1969. Coach Ron Erhardt sends his Bison team after its sixth straight NCC title with his entire 1968 backfield on hand. Underrated Bruce Grasamke handles the quarterbacking, fullback Joe Roller the blocking muscle. Rushing is superior with Little All-America Paul Hatchett at halfback, teaming with senior Tim Mejos, who underwent knee surgery after final game of the season, then started in the Pecan Bowl in mid-December and helped whip Arkansas State, 23-14.

SOUTH DAKOTA U.—Coach Joe Salem's Coyotes are a title threat with eight starters returning on each starting unit, headed by Little All-America tackle John Kohler, 6-6, 225-pound blocking whiz. The returning offensive backfield is headed by quarterback Jim Foster, halfback Bob Koch and fullback Steve Pelot.

NORTH DAKOTA—Coach Jerry Olson has three talented quarterbacks, veterans Dick Kampa and Mike Conner and soph Dan Martinsen. He is counting on soph Terry Skogmo for running help. The Sioux may be harboring one of the four defensive units headed by Pete Gilbert, a defensive back.

NORTHERN IOWA—A battle looms for the quarterback spot among transfer Bill Raun, junior Bud Hendricks and frosh All-Stater Dave Hodam. Bright spot for coach Stan Sheriff is nine returning defensive starters, among them All-League linebacker John Williams and guard Dan Goddard.

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE—The Jacks lost All-America running back Darwin Gonnermann and coach Ralph Ginn. Dave Kragthorpe, who took over coaching duties, must fill backfield holes. Only returnee is wingback Tom Settje. Defense is solid, with returning guard Ray Spellman, tackles Tom Roth and Tony Lorenz and linebacker Alan Allen.

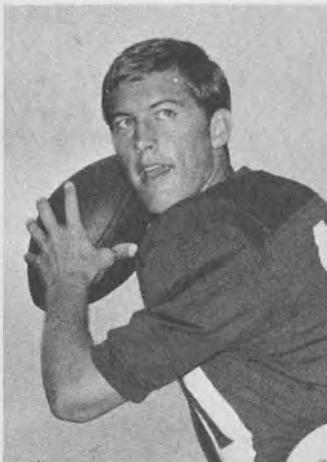
MORNINGSIDE—Despite the loss of quarterback Don Zeleznak, coach Dewey Halford's passing hope is sophomore Mike Junck, a rollout quarterback. John Anderson is the running threat. A tough front line is headed by 253-pound tackle Jim Glau, center George Caggiano and guard Rod Campbell.

AUGUSTANA—New coach Ralph Starenko lost heavily through graduation and must rebuild around defensive back Mike Daly, quarterback Lee Brandt, receiver Jim Egge and 240-pound guard Jon Gapa.



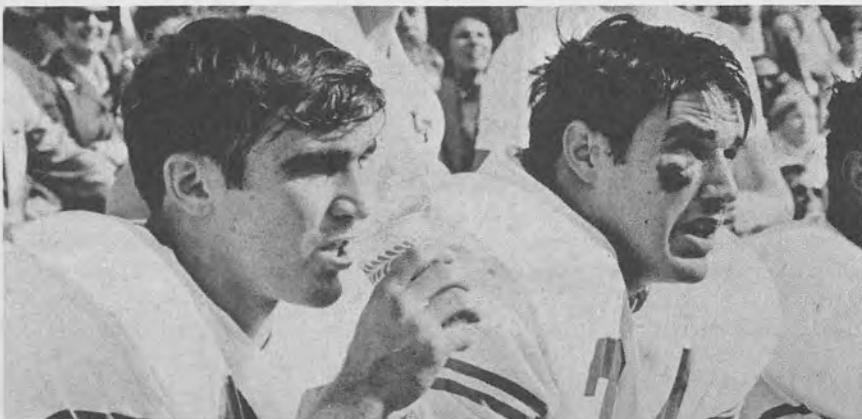
CHUCK HIXON tosses one of 468 passes that led nation with 265 completions for 3,103 yards and 21 TDs as SMU whips Rice, 32-24, in Cotton Bowl. Hixon is again directing Mustang attack with some of his top receivers on hand.

RODNEY BRAND, unanimous pick as All-SWC center, back on Arkansas line.



BILL MONTGOMERY (left), who passed for 10 TDs returns at quarterback for Arkansas along with CHUCK DICUS, voted top lineman in Sugar Bowl victory.

BACKFIELD ACES for Texas getting breather on bench are STEVE WORSTER (left), who scored 13 TDs, and TED KOY, outstanding blocker and runner.





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ARKANSAS, TEXAS EXPECTED TO PLAY TITLE TUNE FOR DEC. 6 TV EXTRAVAGANZA

PREDICTIONS

Southwest

1. Arkansas	5. Texas A&M
2. Texas	6. TCU
3. SMU	7. Baylor
4. Texas Tech	8. Rice

Independents

1. Houston	3. Austin College
2. West Texas	4. Texas Lutheran

Southland

1. Arkansas State	4. Trinity & Lamar
2. U. Texas-Arlington	Tech (tie)
3. Abilene Christian	

Lone Star

1. Texas A&I	6. McMurry
2. East Texas State	7. Sul Ross
3. Sam Houston State	8. Howard Payne
4. Southwest Texas	9. Tarleton State*
5. Stephen F. Austin	10. Angelo State*

*Do not play for title until 1970.

Television, thou glorious distributor of greenbacks, now you are not only controlling the timeouts—and the ensuing dashes to kitchens and bathrooms across the wide puh-airie—but altering the seasons as well.

The longest football schedule in Southwest Conference history begins with a national tubing Sept. 13 between SMU and Air Force. It ends with a Dec. 6 conflict between Texas and Arkansas, also on the grand exposure, in color or living black and white and, hopefully, on instant replay to all the ships at sea.

There is no truth that Rice offered to turn out its football scholars for a July 4th skirmish against VMI if television would only cross its palms with gold. But wait until next year ...

The Dec. 6 game at Fayetteville, Ark., shifted from an earlier October booking, may well let the rocking chair world look in as the Southwest Conference championship is decided. Texas and Arkansas tied for the title last year.

No one has looked beyond the Longhorns, No. 3 nationally in 1968, and the Razorbacks, sixth in the final ratings. Both have proven quarterbacks in

Southwest

James Street and Bill Montgomery, as well as other riches of talent.

SMU, with electrifying passer Chuck Hixson back with the skills that made him the nation's most successful passer last fall, is nobody's patsy. Neither is Texas Tech, which spilled defending champion Texas A&M and Texas in '68.

Arkansas soon will have the conference's first all-weather football surface. And if knee injuries persist that have so dearly cost the others, the whole lot may fall to their shinbones and pray for Astroturf miracles.

The Aggies of Texas A&M desperately are searching for a quarterback. So what else is new? Which is to say that TCU is hunting an offensive leader, Rice is wishing that Frank (Cleveland Browns) Ryan was a schoolboy again and Baylor is more than mildly concerned about the position.

Texas unquestionably has a balance of power in All-SWC fullback Steve Worster and halfback Ted Koy—both averaged five yards a pop—and some splendid athletes at other stations.

But Arkansas' Montgomery did a magnificent job of welding the Razorback attack—the lone loss was to Texas, and No. 4-ranked Georgia was whacked by the Porkers in the Sugar Bowl, 16-2—with the help of tailback Bill Burnett and flanker Chuck Dicus.

Tech is switching to a pro-set, directed by John Matulich, and more may be heard from the Red Raiders despite crippling injuries.

All-America selections may start with Baylor's great tackle, Richard Stevens, and take a look-in at end Larry Davis (Rice), center Rodney Brand or Chuck Dicus at Arkansas, tackle Leo Brooks (Texas), Texas Tech's superlative defensive end, Richard Campbell; SMU's guard, Rufus Cormier; or A&M's tough running back, Larry Stegent.

Surely there are others too numerous—and at the moment, too far-fetched—to recognize. Three All-America choices came out of the SWC in 1968, and that's a whale of an average.

For the record, Arkansas will use the fiercely partisan atmosphere of Razorback Stadium to its advantage in the season's final game against Texas. By past measurements, it will be a tremendous game, with Arkansas the winner.

In case of a tie, television may persuade them to play it off on Christmas Day.

Houston again will be the muscle among the independents. In the Southland, Arkansas State and

University of Texas-Arlington will scramble for the title, with the edge to the former. Texas A&I is the team to beat in the Lone Star Conference.

Among the new faces are coach Carman Bonner at Texas Lutheran, Duane Nutt at Austin College and Grant Teaff at Angelo State.

SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

ARKANSAS—National television critics will have two chances to scout an Arkansas team that could be stronger than the one that lost only to Texas in 1968 and bounced Georgia in the Sugar Bowl.

The Razorbacks again have a virile offense manipulated by passing whiz Bill Montgomery (6-1, 174). Coach Frank Broyles has to indulge himself a chuckle at the sight of an unblemished interior line and all of the linebackers from last year's good club.

Tailback Bill Burnett scored 96 points and covered 847 yards even as he missed one game of the '68 season. With fullback Bruce Maxwell and flanker John Rees, the backfield is set. Newcomer Russ Garber, a 205-pound redshirt fullback, is sure to be in the thick of the offensive maneuvers. John Eichler (195) is a top quarterback sub if recovered from a leg injury.

All-Conference center Rodney Brand (6-2, 215) is back, braced on either side by guards Jerry Dossey (6-3, 235) and Bob Stankovich (6-4, 235). Ronnie Hammers (6-3, 230) and Gary Parson (6-9, 260) can be depended on at the tackles and split end Chuck Dicus, voted the Sugar Bowl's best player, is a spectacular threat. Pat Morrison is the starting tight end.

Seniors Cliff Powell (205) and Lynn Garner (202) both were All-League linebackers last year. With them is another linebacker, 190-pounder Mike Boschetti.

The defensive backfield has veteran halfbacks Jerry Moore (198) and Dennis Berner (180) and safetyman Terry Stewart (187). They have size and speed.

Tommy Dew (200) and Bruce James (215) are solid defensive ends, with Gordon McNulty (6-4, 215) a quality defensive tackle. Dick Bumpas (6-2, 215) is a junior letterman at the other tackle. Rick Kersey (197) returns at middle guard and Broyles thinks a 240-pound sophomore, Ronnie Carroll, will be a bonus addition to his defensive ends.

Cary Stockdell carried a 39.9-yard average as a punter in 1968, and he is back to help relieve the pressure of last year's 10-1 campaign. The Porkers play Texas in Fayetteville in a season finale that could decide the conference title before a Dec. 6 national TV gallery. Arkansas also plays Texas Tech on the nationwide tube on Nov. 27, and A&M on regional video.

The Porkers certainly promise to be bowl contenders unless picketed by the Actors Guild.

TEXAS—It won't be the same gang of ruffians who battered Tennessee in the Cotton Bowl at the end of Texas' 8-1-1 SWC season, but this year's Longhorn won't show many changes.

The big vacancy is the halfback spot from which Chris Gilbert gained 1,000 yards for three straight seasons. Still, Texas must rank high among the league's aristocracy in 1969.

Seasoned operatives are back, including quarterback James Street. As a junior last fall Street (175) directed Texas to No. 3 national rank.

The veterans tumble in a steady stream from a roster that includes 35 returning lettermen. Their key game is the Dec. 6 finale with Arkansas in Fayetteville.

Texas' eruptive ground game, fashioned from coach Darrell Royal's "Y" (or wishbone-T) formation, is brutally suited to the talents of fullback Steve Worster and halfback Ted Koy. Worster weighs 208 and scored 78 points and covered 806 yards as a soph in '68. Koy is the team's fastest traveler at 6-2, 212 pounds. He ran for 601 yards.

Other dashing young men are Billy Dale (182), Jim Bertelsen (197) and Bob Callison (172). They move with speed and power.

The 'Horns threw well last year, and no letup is anticipated. Street and his stand-ins, Eddie Phillips (187) and Donnie Wigginton, can pitch to swift Cotton Speyrer (165), Deryl Comer (210) or Randy Peschel (195). All are outstanding receivers and Speyrer is fast enough to blitz a napping defense on an end-around maneuver.

The offensive line would carry Speyrer and Comer at ends, Bob Wuensch (210) and Bob McKay (236), tackles; Bobby Mitchell (210) and Mike Dean (190), guards; and Forrest Wiegand (195), center.

Bill Atessis (257) and Zapalac (200), son of one of the assistant coaches, are journeymen defensive ends. Scott Henderson (218) is an outstanding outside linebacker and has another Texas assistant's son, Mike Campbell (180), at the other side.

At 6-6 and 245 Leo Brooks is a whale of a tackle, with Greg Ploetz (205) his contemporary. Glen Halsell (195), one of Royal's best men, and David Richardson (185) are inside linebackers. Tom Campbell (173) and Danny Lester (165) are defensive halfbacks and Fred Steinmark is a fine safety of only 166 pounds.

Happy Feller scored 54 points as a placement kicker last year.

The most glaring thinness at Texas is in the defensive secondary. The power and the glory, if there is any, springs from the offense.

SMU—Perhaps coach Hayden Fry has contrived a fresh batch of miracles for '69. There is evidence of budding wonders already on the books—a Bluebonnet Bowl victory over Oklahoma, one of the national powers.

The Mustangs, however, are fresh out of Jerry Levias' dazzling trickery. The All-America game-breaker is gone, and his 1,138 yards of aerial gains at flanker are irreplaceable.

Still, as long as the airborne football wins games, SMU has a chance. Their chances are measurably enhanced by the presence of quarterback Chuck Hixson (190), who was the passin'est dude in the land last fall. Chuck threw 468 times, completed

265 for 3,103 yards and 21 touchdowns.

Another superior passer is sophomore Gary Hammond, but Gary's running skills have already won attention for him as a deep receiver. He weighs 175 and has the catching talents to make it at flanker or split end.

End Ken Fleming (200) brings back the speed and hands that speared seven touchdown passes and 588 yards in gains, second in the SWC. Sam Holden (184) is a good target at flanker, along with Frank Stringer (175).

Fleming is All-Conference fodder. So are guard Rufus Cormier (215), the top lineman in the Bluebonnet Bowl, and Hixson. Their laurels could even reach higher.

A poverty of proven runners is Fry's main trouble. Bicky Lesser, a 195-pounder senior, moves well, but the best one of all could be sophomore Gordon Gilder, a 175-pounder who was an All-SWC freshman averaging 4.6 yards a carry.

Defense is no problem. Cormier and Pat O'Connell (224) are the guards, Bill Wright (229) and Jim Johnston (216) the tackles.

Bruce Portillo (195) and Joe Stutts (200) both are good linebackers. The defensive backs are Daryl Doggett (181), Larry Tunnell (187), Mike Nekuza (181) and Buddy McGinnis (180).

Bill Jackson (230), the only true sophomore starting last year, is a fine offensive tackle. Defensive end Tommy Fraser (200) and senior center Stan Poulos (200) both were consistently good players in '68.

Fry, one of the best "Saturday coaches" in the business, has 34 lettermen and 21 seniors back. Even if the Ponies look like a bunch of basket cases in practice, they blossom into killers when the band plays.

TEXAS TECH—After six seasons with the I-formation, coach J T King unzips Tech's first pro-type offense in September. He calls on an experienced quarterback, Joe Matulich, and a robust rushing attack to cement the conversion.

Defense and rushing are Red Raider pluses. The offensive line is virtually untested, although split end Johnny Odom a 6-3, 193-pounder flier, may be one of the league's exciting operatives.

With Matulich (6-1, 197) are halfbacks Danny Hardaway (206) and Miles Langhenning, a con-

RUFUS CORMIER (left), top lineman in Bluebonnet Bowl at guard, and **KEN FLEMING**, outstanding end, are SMU aces.



XAS TECH

DICK CAMPBELL (above) is set for another campaign as star DE for Texas Tech.

JOE MATULICH, Raiders' quarterback, directs pro type offense in SWC bid.

verted fullback who averaged 6-1 yards as a freshman last year. Another fine halfback, Larry Hargrave (194), may recover from a spring leg injury in time to play.

The fullbacks are good ones—Jimmy Bennett (193), a former halfback, 217-pound Tony Butler and an exceptional sophomore, Doug McCutchen (200).

Tom Sawyer, the No. 2 quarterback last fall, probably will double at halfback. Sawyer is a good passer. Lane Wade also bids for the backup quarterback duties.

Charles Evans has the size (232) to be a solid tight end. Center Mark Hazelwood (6-4, 225) is flanked by guards Tom Newton (218) and Walt Yarbrough (225), with Mike Holladay (219) and Fred Perry (250) the tackles. David May (185) adds letterman experience at split end.

Jerry Don Sanders is one of the country's best long-range field goal kickers—one of 59 yards in competition—and a capable punter.

Hardaway's emergence as a big-play back after a redshirt season at flanker could spring Tech to a better record than the 5-3-2 mark of last year. The Raiders did spill Texas, which went on to high national rank and a Cotton Bowl triumph.

Defensive end Richard Campbell is in line for national recognition and a repeat All-Conference niche. The 225-pound senior is a superb athlete. Bruce Dowdy (202) is the other end. The starting tackles will be Wayne McDermand (225) and Dick Grigg (219), with Pete Norwood (226) and Bob Mooney (218) the ranking candidates at nose guard.

Sophomore Larry Molinaire (205) promises to be a punishing linebacker. Dennis Lane (212) already is. Mark Fincannon (208) also will see plenty of action.

Denton Fox and Larry Alford are seasoned defensive backs, among the 15 seniors and 34 lettermen returning. Kevin Ormes, a swift defensive back last fall, has been shifted to flanker.

John Howard (185) at rover and halfback Jerry Watson fill out the defensive backfield.

TEXAS A&M—Ten three-year starters who graduated leave a formidable set of vacancies for coach Gene Stallings to fill. The most important, as always, is at quarterback.

Jimmy Sheffield is the No. 1 candidate to be the offensive boss. The 180-pound junior is one of 23 returning lettermen, runs very well and throws adequately. He'll be challenged for starting laurels by Robert Stansberry (6-1, 190) and Rocky Self (181), neither of whom lettered in 1968.

Larry Stegent (6-1, 195) is the big guy in A&M's attack. Stegent was All-Conference two seasons ago as a sophomore, runs with style and power and can catch a pass. He will be in the first set of backs with Sheffield, wingback Barney Harris (6-2), 192) and fullback Marc Black, a sophomore from Virginia who threw his 207 pounds around with authority in spring training. Harris was the best Aggie receiver as a split end in '68—49 catches for 745 yards and three touchdowns.

The ends this fall will be either Jimmy Adams, who had knee surgery, or Tom Sooy at split end and 6-3, 210-pound senior Ross Brubacher at tight end.

A 232-pound sophomore, Andy Philley, is tabbed for one of the tackles, with another rookie, 225-pound Leonard Forey at the other. Veteran center Jack Kovar (6-1, 205) is surrounded by guards Carl Gough (6-2, 192) and Jim Parker (6-1, 202).

Dave Elmendorf (6-1, 198) is one of the Aggies' really gifted athletes at safety. He has played well at six positions, but handles the free safety's responsibilities handily.

Mike DeNiro, an Ohioan, was a consensus All-SWC pick as a sophomore defensive end last year. Mike's a 205-pounder who has an instinct for winding up where the ball is. Jim Piper (6-0, 205) is a strong hand at the other end defensively.

The brothers Odom, Lynn (5-10, 214) and Van (6-0, 213), are the guards and Buster Adami (6-0,

199) is a three-year starter at linebacker. Mike Caswell (6-3, 206) is the other linebacker, with Ed Ebrom (5-10, 187), Andy Tewell (6-2, 208) and Corky Sheffield (5-9, 179) all damp-eared sophs in the defensive backfield. David Hoot (6-2, 188) is the other safety.

Winston Beam, a good 235-pound lineman, will be a strong addition to the defense if knee surgery permits.

An undefeated freshman squad promotes some promising sophs, including Van Odom, Ebrom, Tewell, Corky Sheffield (no relation to the quarterback) and two All-Conference frosh, linebacker Steve Luebbehusen (6-0, 195) and defensive end Clifton Thomas (6-4, 226).

TCU—Another year's trials through a 3-7 campaign in 1968 gives TCU the experience that could hoist the Horned Frogs into higher rank than the sixth place tie in Fred Taylor's second season as head coach.

Taylor again is concerned about a quarterback—a problem that seems eternal at TCU—and has two sophomores shooting at senior Dan Carter's job. They are Steve Judy (180) and Larry Brogdon, a 6-4, 205-pound Californian, as well as junior letterman Busty Underwood (6-3, 205), who could leap into prominence. Carter (6-1, 175) has hot hands at passing, and cold ones, and inconsistency is the Frogs' biggest obstacle.

Fullback Norman Bulaich at 215 is a top pro prospect. Sammy Rabb (205) may move to fullback when Bulaich shifts to tailback, where Marty Whelan (190) usually operates. Linzy Cole (170) is a swift, elusive flanker.

The offensive line will be one of the Southwest's best. Jerry Miller (180) is a capable receiver at split end, with J. R. Eubanks (210) at tight end. Gerald Kirby (210) has moved from right to left tackle and Charles Bales (220) went the other direction.

Bill Riley (205) and James Ray (228) both are senior lettermen guards and junior John Ruthstrom (230) is one of the league's best centers. Both Ray and Ruthstrom are All-SWC material.

TCU's defensive line looks solid—veterans end to end. Clay Mitchell (210) and Terry Shackelford (205) are senior ends of quality. The guards are Chuck Forney (225) and Dave Holt (215) and Taylor likes his linebackers—James Vanderslice (205), Andy Durrett (208) and Pat Walker (205), all seniors.

Ted Fay, No. 1 quarterback in 1968, this year is trying to stop touchdowns. He'll start at safety, with Greg Webb (180) at cornerback and Bill Fondren (185) at the other safety. The secondary is inexperienced and a problem.

Judy's performance at quarterback may decide TCU's final position in the standings. He passed well as a freshman (51 of 117 for 560 yards). Brogdon is rangy and strong, and already getting a long look from pro agents.

Others up from the freshman team are linebacker Gary Martinec (6-2, 190), tailback Bobby Davis (185), split end John Hetherly (a redshirt last

BUSTER ADAMI is headed for stellar season as senior linebacker for Texas A&M.

LARRY STEGENT (below), Aggie tailback, ranks with best rushers in Southwest.





CHARLES BALES (above) is outstanding senior tackle on TCU offensive front line.

JAMES RAY, 6-3 and 230, packs offensive punch for Horned Frogs as vet guard.



LARRY DAVIS, Rice split end, holds most of Rice Owls receiving records.



ROGER ROITSCH (right) shows All-America promise as Rice defensive guard.

year), and defensive guard Craig Fife (6-3, 245).

BAYLOR—Where hope springs eternal—in the bosoms of Bear fans who have been searching 47 years for another SWC title—a new spark comes from a new coach, Bill Beall.

Beall came off the LSU staff to replace John Bridgers after Baylor's 3-7 performance last year. He has given the team a fresh formation (spread-T) and renewed confidence.

The Bears have some good players. Offensive tackle Richard Stevens (6-5, 235) and center Calvin Hunt (6-3, 225) rank with the nation's finest linemen. Stevens was consensus All-Conference last fall and Hunt won some All-League recognition.

Baylor hasn't yet developed a breakaway runner. It does have some capable footmen in Gene Rogers (185), who ranked sixth in SWC rushing; Gordon Utgard (183), Randy Cooper (205) and Jerral Landers (193).

Steve Stuart (195) last year showed promise at quarterback. He has the ball until either Laney Cook (188) or Ed Marsh, who has been a defensive halfback, wrest it away from him. Marsh averaged 40.6 as a punter last year.

Ted Gillum (6-4, 213) is one of the best blocking ends in Baylor's history. Richard Dennard (225) is a good offensive guard. The Bears have good size in tackles John Kelly (225) and Bob Stephenson (215). Mark Lewis (190) does a good job at the other end.

Terry Cozby is a front-rank placement specialist with only six misses in two years of extra-point efforts, and 11 field goals.

Roy McDearmon (214) and David Jones (209) are quality defensive ends. Tackle Tommy Reaux has great speed at 220 and is joined there by Walt Groth (6-6, 236) and Earl Maxfield (6-2, 241). Brian Blessing (206) is a converted running back who has moved to linebacker.

The offensive line returns intact to give the Bears one of the best attacking fronts in the conference. Experience likewise is a big factor on defense. Depth is Baylor's main weakness.

RICE—Into the hands of babes Rice commits its hopes for a turnaround from last year's desolate (0-9-1)

season. A strong sophomore atmosphere exists, and the Owls' success will be measured with its rookies.

The first black quarterback in SWC history will lead the club. He is Stahle Vincent, a 175-pound soph from North Carolina who comes with lofty recommendations and a good freshman and spring training record.

If Dale Bernauer, who anchored the Owls' fine sprint relay teams, makes the transition effectively, he will be the league's swiftest player. He was a high school grid star, then quit to be a trackman.

Individually, Larry Davis (186) and Roger Roitsch (222) have the gifts that All-America performers must show. Davis, a senior split end, already holds all of Rice's receiving records. Roitsch is a junior defensive guard who coach Bo Hagan says "is tremendously gifted and competitive, with all the tools of greatness."

Roitsch and Steve Bradshaw, the other defensive guard and a 215-pound senior, promise to improve Rice's defense. Cliff Hammond (199) and Roger Collins (192) at the ends, with Ronnie Marsh (191) at left linebacker, give the Owls a strong trench.

Randy Lee (191) and either Dale Grounds (190) or Rodrigo Barnes (205) are the other linebackers. Veteran Ronnie Sollock is a capable defensive halfback. Mike Taylor (175) or Gil King (165) are soph aspirants at the other half, with either Tommy Alexander (182) or Randy Jinks (189) the rover and Bucky Allhouse (170) the safety. Allhouse also handles the punting.

The Owls top ground-gainer of '68, tailback Tony Conley, can be the big man in the Owls' multiple-T again if knee surgery springs him. Only Davis at end, Bill Batchelor (216) at tackle and Paul Strahan (191) at guard are lettermen linemen on offense.

The sophs include the first two quarterbacks, Vincent and Phillip Wood (175), tailbacks Cliff Crabtree (180) and Larry Caldwell (195), flanker Charles Blackburn (174) and fullback Kim Malone (195).

Others are center Wright Moody (185), guard Robin Barham (187), tackle Ron Waedemon (238) and end David Ashford (205). All were starters in spring training.

Seasoned personnel off the '68 team could come



ELMO WRIGHT, speedy split end for Houston, caught 43 for 11 TD's.

KEN BAILEY (left) passed for 1,279 yards and ran for 336 as Houston's QB.

out of the ranks of walking wounded to help. Guard Richard Pustka and tailback Butch Robinson are good players who had operations, as did defensive end James Garner, guard Tommy Peel and linebackers Donnie Johnson and Monte Hutchinson.

INDEPENDENTS

HOUSTON—They call it "Football's Greatest Show", and the Houston Cougars can back up the claim. In 1968, for the third year in a row, Houston led the nation in total offense with 562 yards per game—an all-time NCAA record. The Cougars scored 425 points, including 100 against Tulsa and two other 70-plus performances. Yet Bill Yeoman may field a better team this fall than that 6-2-2 squad which tied Texas and Georgia. The muscle and the speed are there.

Even without running star Paul Gipson, Houston's backs are frightening. Carlos Bell, 6-5 and 215, gained 691 yards as a junior playing in Gipson's shadow. Ted Heiskell (222), who averaged 6.7 yards per carry, is at fullback, and Calvin Achey was a 10-game starter at flanker in 1968. If the runners tire, 538-yard man Jim Strong remains in reserve.

Pushing the buttons in Yeoman's much-copied Veer-T will be Ken Bailey (210), who passed for 1,279 yards and ran for another 336, and strong-armed Rusty Clark (210), who tossed seven touchdown passes as the No. 2 man. Split end Elmo Wright (195), who gained 1,198 yards on 43 receptions as a sophomore, will have another prize sophomore as his tight end running mate in Riley Odoms (220), fast enough to be a hurdler and agile enough to high jump 6-8.

Returning in the line are guards Bill Bridges (230) and David Schneider (230), while Ronnie Herman and Craig Robinson move in at tackle and Jim Arthur (205) takes over center duties.

Yeoman feels added quickness will help his defense, which ranked 10th nationally a year ago against the rush. Philip Jones (227) and Jerry Drones (210) are the ends, with Jon Thornburg (217) and David Dickey (205) at tackle. Charlie Hall (202) and Glenn Graef (195) return as line-

backing starters, joined on the right side by letterman Bob Brumley (210).

Richard Harrington is the only returnee from the secondary, but he picked off four passes last year and led the defense in playing time. Squadman L. D. Rowden (205) is slated to fill one of the other spots.

A bright crop of sophomores will make its presence felt this fall, despite 21 lettermen and a host of squadmen. Aside from Odoms, sophs who bear watching include backs Willie Roberts (195) and Bob Newhouse (195), linebacker Frank Ditta (190) and defensive tackle Terry Chumley (237).

WEST TEXAS STATE—Alas, Mercury Morris is gone, and with him 14 other lettermen who helped Joe Kerbel to an 8-2 mark last year. But wait; a strong defense, some sizzling transfers and a healthy Duane Thomas may make this season's Buffaloes every bit as rugged.

Thomas (220) is a Jim Brown type who has gained 1,304 yards at West Texas despite a string of injuries. Healthy, he could help anyone. Clarence Redic, used as a kicker last year, will be at quarterback, where he won All-State schoolboy honors. Running with Thomas will be either Ralph Thompson (205), an All-America in junior college, or Olan Thompson (190). Another transfer, Robert Jackson, is the flanker.

Dick Flynn (180) and Willie Walker (220) are the ends, flanking a husky line of players like Don Tate (245), Earl Clardy (230), Eddie Golecki (230), Dag Azam (235) and another sterling transfer, center Sid Goff (235).

In this passing age, Kerbel owns an outstanding crop of defensive backs, with Gary Conner, Billy Lantow, Ralph Anderson and Raymond Brown due to start. In front of them will be linebackers Harold Stuard, Stan Hansen (225) and Jeff Malliard (218). The four men in the front trenches are Randy Robson (220), Jim Patterson (215), John Notaro (200) and Rick Fangman (220).

Kerbel seldom has a loser, and owns the talent once again for a big winner.

AUSTIN COLLEGE—Many stars of last season's 8-1 Kangaroo team are gone, but passing whiz Wes Eben and running star Joe Meade will help make a better debut as coach for former SMU star Duane Nutt.

Meade (195) will share running duties with Randy Reedy (185) or Mitchell Dixon (180). Mike Toon will get a shot at flanker. Bob Sheffield (195) tops the returning line talent, paired at guard with Keith Johnston (180). Paul Neybach (185) will handle one tackle job, with Rick Page (205) at center and Jim Baccus likely to start at end.

The defense, led by end R. J. Hagood, tackle Steve Hays (205), guard Dennis McEntire (195) and linebacker Jerry Moore (175) may be a strong point, although the secondary must be rebuilt around Clay Fulcher and Steve Schiff.

TEXAS LUTHERAN—Carman Bonner, taking the reins at TLC after a successful high school coaching ca-

reer, inherits 17 starters and expects a stronger team if not a better record than the 3-5 mark of 1968.

Bonner has installed the Houston "Veer-T" attack, banking on running backs David Doerfler (170) and Chuck Rinn (180). Transfer quarterback Larry West has one of the state's best receivers available in Roy Maas, who caught 55 passes last season.

Greg Biedeger (205) is the top end candidate, while Tommy Risinger (215), Mike Orr (195), Bervin Mirtsching (210), Roy Biedeger (220) and Charles Boemecke (195) will man the interior.

There are big question marks in the secondary and at tackle on defense, but end Floyd Medearis (215), linebackers Melvin Boelter, Mike Klett and Mark Weber and kick returner Alan Wells are solid hands.

SOUTHLAND CONFERENCE

ARKANSAS STATE—Thirty-one lettermen are on hand to seek a second straight SLC title, but this year the Indians may go by air. Gone is running star Frank McGuigan; returning are clever quarterback James Hamilton and ace receiver Joe Waleszonia, plus a strong defense.

Hamilton (195) threw for 1,238 yards as a sophomore, but also ran for 62 steps, more than any other returning back. Split back Waleszonia caught 29 passes. Royce Pennington (180) and Marshall Walls (205) will handle the running. Ends Virgil Peyton (216) and Tom Johnson (176) will help the aerial game. Tackles Jack Smith (215) and Eugene Thompson (217) return, joined by center Dan Buckley (215) and guards Wayne Dorton (218) and Bill Phillips. Smith and Buckley won All-Conference honors last season.

Clovis Swinney is the name of the defense. Swinney (235) is a two-time All-SLC man and was the league's defensive player of the year in 1968. At the other tackle will be returnee Ken Bennett (215), with Charles Hinrichs at nose guard and Mike Everett and Maxie Caldwell on the flanks. David Walls and Gary Cleve will be the linebackers, joined by monster man Donnie Beshears. The secondary is manned by veteran Orley Massena (165) and newcomers Dennis Meyer and Terry Whiting.

All in all it's a strong picture for coach Bennie Ellender, lacking only a proven running threat to complement the passing.

U. TEXAS-ARLINGTON—Burley Bearden lost his quarterback, his top receiver, his guards and his linebackers, but Skipper Butler is alive and well. With Butler's toe (he averaged 41 yards on his 15 field goals) and some quick development by young replacements UTA could be as good as last year's 6-4 team, and could challenge again for the Southland crown.

Lettermen Ronnie Faulkner finally gets his chance to start at quarterback, and has fine receivers in Dick Hill (205), Mike Buchanan (182), Ronnie Lucas (165) and Arthur Hobbs (200). The running should be stronger. Danny Griffin (215)

has rushed almost 2,000 yards in three years at fullback, and will be joined by quick George Rains (170) or strong Marc Griffin (205) at tailback, with veteran Tim Christy (198) in relief.

The tackles, Don Morrison (245) and Philip Berry (215) return, as does center Billy Kornegay (213), but no lettermen are available at guard. Tommy Davis (205) and Emory Estes (220) will probably start. Morrison, as a soph, had the highest grades of any UTA player.

The line is the strength of the defense, with veterans Danny Scott (210), Jimmy Stoehr (216), Ronnie Callaway (240), and Sam Martin (205) returning. Fred Bolton (216) and Carl Copeland will be joined by sophomore Chris Ortman and rover Larry McGee at linebacker. The talent is there, just lacking experience. Backs Billy Mitchell, Robert Evans and Mickey Eddleman are capable but small.

ABILENE CHRISTIAN—Jim Lindsey is back, and he's enough to make Wally Bullington's Wildcats a dark horse threat. They went 4-5-1 with a young team (Lindsey was a sophomore) last year and return 14 starters, nine on offense.

Lindsey, who threw for 2,717 yards, will have running help from David Wallace (170) at tailback and either Terry Clark or Randy Clark (198) at fullback. Pat Holder may share wingback duties with V. T. Smith. Kenny Roberts (200) returns at tight end, with transfer Ronnie Vinson or Bob Bearden at split end.

Wayne Walton (240) is All-America material at tackle and plays opposite Jerry Jones (220). The guards are David Smalley and Ronnie Tiner, both '68 starters. Bob Keyes lines up at center.

The defense is more of a problem. Sophomores Dusty Drury (230), Ronnie Foley (235) and Mike Unger (200) may form a forward unit with letterman Dean Spivey. Chip Bennett (225) returns All-League credential at linebacker, joined by Jerry Wilson and Wilmer Williams or transfer Dave Mann. Bearden may wind up in the secondary, playing with veterans Ronnie Green, Don Cobb and Jimmy Stevens.

TRINITY—Earl Gartman's Tigers should be better, if only for having Leonel Garza at quarterback from the opening gun. If Garza performs as well as he did in his two starting jobs as a freshman, Trinity could improve on last year's 5-4 record.

Garza (180) passed for 532 yards in his two 1968 games. His targets will include ends Walt Huntley and John Howard, both proven receivers, and split back Terry McCarty. The running will again be handled by David Steffano (200) and Terry Parsons (205). As insurance, veteran David Reynolds will be available to spell Garza.

Jim Gibson, Bill Keresztury (240), Rick Barnett, Bill Gay and Bruce Jackson will man the middle of the offensive line. Defensively, the front four should rank with the league's best. Greg Lens (265) is a top tackle, paired with David Facile. Joe Manak (220) and Craig Shepard will be the ends. Cornerbacks Ron Boyette and Kit Sommer may be

joined by transfers Bob Lyerly and Bob Severini in the secondary.

In short, the Tigers will go by air, and if linebackers can be found, they will field a solid team.

LAMAR TECH—The Cardinals fell flat (0-10) last year, but no one—friend or foe—really believes they'll stay down. The trail back for Vernon Glass' team begins this year with 35 lettermen from a young squad and improvement at quarterback.

Sophomore Tommy Tomlin (190) will be the man-under in Glass' pro-slot formation, with an unproven backfield of Ed Sanders (192), Doug Carter (175) and Patrick Gibbs (178). Gibbs, clever Ronnie Gebauer at split end and Billy Chester (190) at tight end form an able receiving corps.

A much-improved line is expected, with Roy Esquivel (225) and sophomore Bill Menard (235) at tackles, George Pachuca (230) and Mordie Marcontell (215) at guards and Darrell Mingle at center.

There are problems in the defensive interior, but good ends should come from among Bob McAnelly, Gerard Krolczyk (6-6, 225) and Danny Neuse. Randy Nunez is a quality linebacker, while Benny Lansford (175) leads a secondary that will include Jerry Harvey and George Williams.

The Cards are a year or more away from championship contention.

LONE STAR CONFERENCE

TEXAS A&I—The Javelinas are seeking their third straight conference title (and their sixth in 11 seasons) with a horde of proven players on offense and a few question marks on defense. But Gil Steinke always produces, as he did last year with a No. 1 NAIA ranking. This could be another year of honors for his Wild Pigs.

Graduation hit the defense hard. Only end Roy Farmer and tackle Charles Matula (210) return in the line, where junior college products Margarito Guerrero (250), Charlie Wilson (235) and Danny Lewis (220) must step in quickly. Robert Young and Glenn Tegeler, also JC transfers, get the first chance at linebacker.

All-Conference Ed Scott and senior Alvin Matthews will be the best men in the secondary.

There are no doubts about the offense. Steinke is blessed with two quarterbacks. All-Lone Star Karl Douglas (200) and slick Gene Walkoviak (168). Henry Glenn rushed for 756 yards in 12 games as a freshman tailback while veterans Phelan Allee and Mike Williamson share fullback. Dwight Harrison, the wingback, is a 9.6 sprinter with good hands.

End Jim Respondek and tackle Ronald Fielding (265) head the offensive line. Andy Browder (257) is the other tackle, with Jack Hartung (215) and Claude McMillon at guards, Thomas Domel at center and sophomore Eldridge Small moving in at split end to replace three-time Little All-America Dwayne Nix.

EAST TEXAS STATE—The Lions still have Arthur James, and that says a great deal about how loudly they will roar. East Texas was the only Lone Star

team able to beat Texas A&I last season, and if Ernest Hawkins finds some new receivers and plugs a few other gaps he might unseat the Javelinas.

James ran, passed and caught passes last year, well enough to amass a combined offense of 2,016 yards. Twice he rushed for more than 260 yards in a game. The 170-pound darter will be teamed again with fullback Bill Allison (210), who romped for 663 yards himself. Taking over at quarterback will be Jim Dietz, a drop-back passer.

Jack Herrington (240) and Tommy Oglesby (220) return at the offensive tackles, with James Talbot and Morris Minatee at guards and Dub Lewis (230) at center.

There were losses on defense, too, but Bill Hastings (270), Ricky Goodell, Mike Kingcaid and Jerry Rose should be adequate, with Dwight White (220), a possibility at defensive tackle or tight end. Don Hynds (210) and Grady Ivy (210) head a solid linebacking corps, while James Thrower is the only returnee in the secondary.

SAM HOUSTON STATE—Tom Page raised the Bearkats to a 5-4-1 record in his first season as head coach, and has 23 lettermen around whom to build. The experienced troops, especially in the backfield, could make Sam Houston a contender.

David Kubiak (180), pushed by Bill Poole, is the quarterback in Page's Veer-T. Tough Brian Christen (190) is back at tailback with Earl Thompson (195) at fullback and Mickey Tiner at wingback.

Up front will be ends Chuck Hill (180) and Fred Reese (200), tackles Nathan Nance (255) and Terry Fincher (240), guards Dave Munden (210) and Steve Crosson (200) and center Paul Wenzel (205).

The linebackers—Dave Richardson, Randy Rhoden and sophomore Larry Chandler—should be the strength of the defense. Lawrence Phearse (215) and Ken Goolsby (210) will be on the flanks with in the middle. Stan Labay (190) leads a secondary which includes Greg Richards, Gary Krone and Dick Williams.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS—Bill Miller has 18 lettermen to build on after his Bobcats slumped to a 5-5 mark in 1968. Eleven were starters, and some offer real quality.

The offense will be shaped around Cliff Mitchell (187), who returns at quarterback. Larry Townsend (215) is untried but enthusiastic at fullback, while Andy Buffington (185) will play halfback and Don Caldwell (190) flanker.

Louis Schorp (235) is an All-Conference and All-Texas performer at tackle, joined in the line by ends Johnny Parker and Jerry Roberts, tackle Mike Berry (226), guards Mike Horak (235) and Tommy Puryear (212) and center Gary Pack (220).

There is good quickness on defense, where the lineup will include Tommy Cox (215) and Johnny Valentino (195) at ends, Mike West (227) and Dennis Gorka (215) at tackles, Clarence Holt (217) at middle guard and Tommy Blair and Bill Soyars at linebacker. Mike Montgomery and Ricky

West are veterans in the secondary.

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN—With 18 starters back, plenty of speed and more size on hand, Shorty Hughes may be preparing to make a run for the upper echelons of the Lone Star race after a 3-7 record in 1968.

The Lumberjacks are prepared to pass or run. Quarterback Bob Pearce will do the throwing, with receivers like All-Conference end Ronnie Hawthorne (200). The running crew is deep, with Charles Lindsey (200), 9.3 sprinter Andy Hopkins (190) and top newcomers in Phil Fajardo, Ronnie Lennox and Maurice Mascorro.

The line will be strong, with James Gaskey and Jesse Shindler at tackle, Curtis LaGrone (215) and Earl Huckabay (230) at guard and Mike Johnson at center.

The size is in the defensive front wall, where Johnny Blair (275) and Robert Thompson (250) are the middlemen, with David King (240) and Louis Culotta (230) at tackles and Ronnie Collum and Gary Fomby at the flanks.

MCMURRY—Last year the Indians had the best defense in the league, and rode it to a surprising 8-2 mark and a tie for third place. Graduation has rid-dled that stone wall, and now Buddy Fornes is looking for replacements.

Offensively he has gone to the Houston "Veer-T" and has three-year letterman quarterback Richard Puckett to run it and backs Archie Smith (207), Chuck Anderson (195) and Matt Chalmers (195) to make the yards. Jerry Andrus (170) is a fleet split end, and the middle of the line will be built on tackles Mike Rosenberg (205) and Freeman Lamkin (252). Freshman Bobby Green may take the center job.

Linebacker Robert Rivera (185) is a ferocious tackler, and one of the few veterans available on defense. Freshman David Johnson (185) and Sandy Staley (200) are the top ends, with Steve Bowman (215) and Dwain Marrs (235) inside at tackle. The best defensive backs are Van Grady and former tailback Joe Gillespie.

SUL ROSS—Joe Priest has the arm, and the experience, to make Sul Ross' pro offense go. Coach Richard Harvey feels the defense will be strong. So all he needs is an offensive line to cause trouble in the Lone Star race.

Priest (180) will be pushed by newcomer Ronnie Bell (170). The running will be in the hands of Cecilio Lara (190), Joe Eggins (200), Mack Murphy and Willie Dickson. Chris Byerley (175) is an outstanding wingback. Dan Reid and Wayne Nail are top ends, with interior line positions falling to Dewey Walker, David Pearce, Dwayne Richters, David Cooper and Jerry Gibson.

Guard Pete McGarity (230) heads the defense, paired with Bill Welch. Tackles will be Ralph Hum-mell and Charlie Adams, both 210-pounders. Roel Maldonado, Benny Howard and Bernie Probst are the linebackers, with a four-deep secondary manned by Jerry Ryan, Rex Fry, Harvey Kinchlow and Rick Barns.

HOWARD PAYNE—An extra year's experience should pay off in a stronger Yellowjacket team than the one which went 2-7-1 a year ago. HPC lettered 18 sophomores and freshmen in 1968 and has picked up some quality transfers.

Running the offense for coach James Cameron will be David Pratt (180), who broke all the school total offense records last year. James Harris (173) returns his 9.6 speed to tailback and Ira Collins (225), a star defensive tackle as a freshman, takes charge at fullback. Ernie Storms (170) is the wing-back.

Former quarterback Bill Lambert (200) and Kirk Wall are the ends, with All-Texas Mike Martin (230) and transfer Jerry Jones (220) at tackle, Charles Airhart and Gil Gore at guard and Terry Brewster the center.

Linebackers Don Childs, Jim Farrell and Larry Kelm make the defense tough, operating with a front four of Mark Campbell (210), Ray Sulak (215), Gary Butler (220) and Airhart. Edward Robinson and Gary Manasco return to the secondary, joined by Steve Watson and Dickie Wooten.

TARLETON STATE—Sixteen returning starters, many of them two-year starters, should make the Texans better than their 2-7 record of a year ago, although depth and defense remain sore spots for coach Hobart Lytal. Since most of the squad is still under-classmen, Tarleton might be in good shape to begin Lone Star Conference play in 1970.

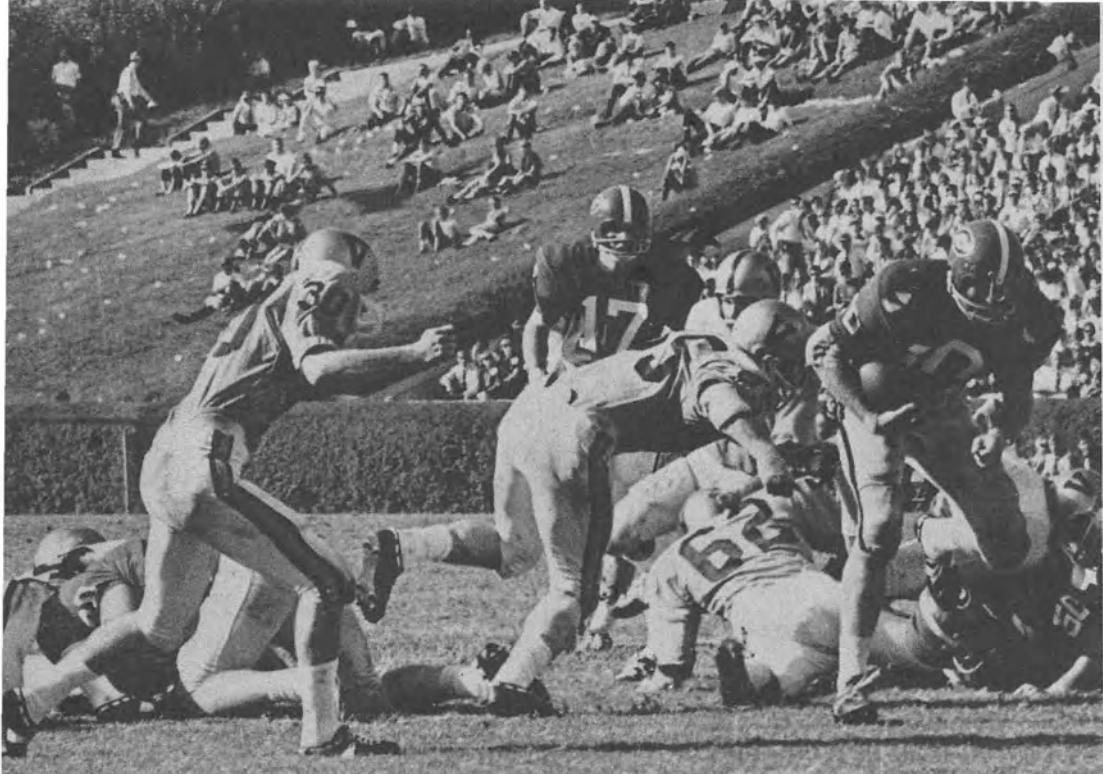
Dan Garrett (185) takes over at quarterback, with Eddie Douglas back at tailback and Larry Heffley (205) at fullback. Ends Jody Worsham (175) and Harlan Wunsch (175) were the 1-2 ranking Lone Star receivers in 1968, and they, with wingback Dale Brock, give Garrett a head start. Tackles Steve Davis and Gary Steele and center James Medley are the nucleus of the line.

Lytal hopes to form a stronger defense from ends Gary Lucas and Larry Rochat, tackles Dick Burt and Wade Luker, guard David Grounds and line-backers Joe Mullins and Bobby Golden. Dale Doug-lass, Mike Lippe and Frank Barnes head the de-fensive backs.

ANGELO STATE—The Rams get a new coach—former McMurry boss Grant Teaff—whose first job is to im-prove on the 2-9 mark of last season while pre-paring a team to enter Lone Star Conference compe-tition a year hence.

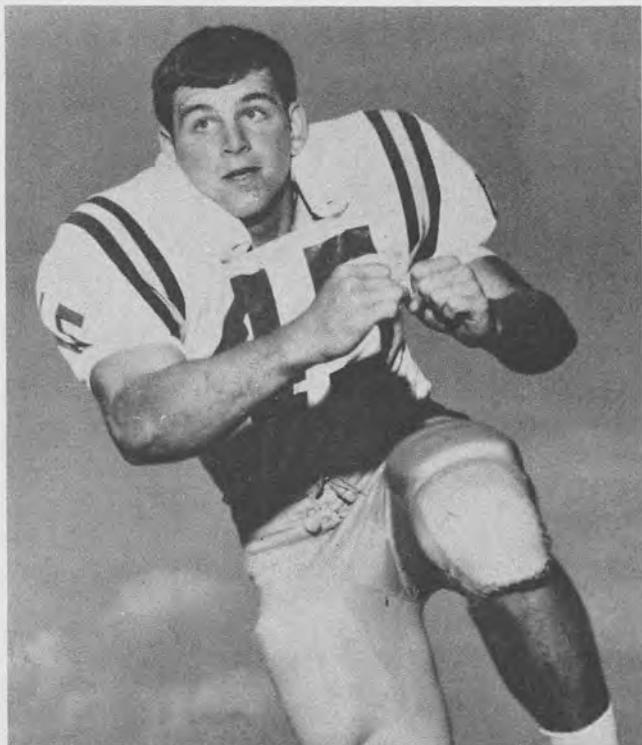
Angelo expects 24 lettermen, but only three se-niors, and young players must carry a heavy load. The offense will be in the hands of quarterback Dwight Burns (175), who has a many-splendored receiver in end Don Burrell (185), two able runners in Jack Martin (195) and Jerry Austin and a highly-touted freshman wingback Randy Parker (197). Joe Marthiljohni (195) returns at tight end, with Martin Allen (214) and Rodney Cason (260) shor-ing up the line around center Mark Manville (220).

Defensively, there is a search for linebacking help for Bob Sims (200). Others Teaff can count on are tackle Mike Ott (240), halfback Mike Sullivan and Burrell, who doubles as a safetyman.



STEVE GREER of Gamecocks is rated as one of quickest linemen in SEC.

BRUCE KEMP, who gained 553 yards for Georgia in '68, is back at fullback. Here he's cracking Vanderbilt defense in 32-6 victory for the Bulldogs.



MIKE ANDERSON, stellar LSU linebacker, boasts season mark of 89 tackles.



STEVE KINER, 6-1 senior linebacker is set for All-America repeat with Vols.



GEORGE BEVAN is expert defensive strategist as linebacker for Louisiana State.



CHIP KELL, All-SEC center, is ferocious blocker for Tennessee ground game.



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Deep South

BULLDOGS DUE TO HANG ONTO SEC TITLE; SEMINOLES BATTLE HURRICANE FOR TOP

PREDICTIONS

Southeastern Conference

1. Georgia	6. Auburn
2. Tennessee	7. Vanderbilt
3. Louisiana State	8. Florida
4. Alabama	9. Miss. State
5. Mississippi	10. Kentucky

Independents

1. Florida State	5. Tulane
2. Miami	6. Chattanooga
3. Georgia Tech	7. Tampa
4. Southern Miss.	8. Samford

Ohio Valley

1. Western Kentucky	5. Tennessee Tech
2. Murray State	6. Austin Peay
3. Eastern Kentucky	7. Morehead
4. East Tennessee	8. Middle Tennessee

Gulf States

1. Louisiana Tech	4. McNeese State
2. Southwest Louisiana	5. Southeast Louisiana
3. Northeast Louisiana	6. Northwest Louisiana

Football centennial finds Dixie football prosperous, exciting and aggressive but definitely not cocky.

Bowl play in the last two years watered down the attitude of Southern partisans who considered football—grits and hot biscuits style—the best anywhere. That swagger is gone, wiped out by seven bowl defeats in two years.

Georgia, Tennessee and Alabama, winningest teams the last three years and champions in SEC play, are 0-for-6 in recent post-season play. Otherwise, Southern football is booming. Ticket sales are excellent, seats are being added here and there, wide open football delights the cash customers and coaches are happy that the rules are the same as in 1968.

The Georgia Bulldogs, smartly coached by 35-year-old Vince Dooley, have an excellent chance to repeat as conference champion, of which more later. Florida State and Miami should be locked in a tight battle for the No. 1 spot among the independents. Many teams will have a new look on offense and defense.

The flamboyant success of the triple-option at Texas and University of Houston has had a profound influence on the coaches, especially the

younger ones. Few Southern teams are going to the triple-option entirely, but almost all are using parts of this alignment. It seems likely also that several teams spent many hours on this offense last spring not for offensive purposes but to permit their defensive players to get better acquainted with stopping such an offense.

On defense, Southern fans will be seeing more teams in a 4-4-3 alignment, fewer in the five-man and six-man line as a basic thing. The forward pass has finally grown up and been taken into the family as an equal portion of the offense, but many schools, notably Alabama, Auburn and Tennessee, are trying to find runners to carry their part of the offensive load.

There is a marked scarcity of top-flight running backs. No major Southern school is booming a runner for All-America honors. Yet many are touting passers and pass-catchers for national acclaim. In fact, Georgia rates the favored spot on the rail in the SEC race because Coach Dooley has two talented runners—Bruce Kemp and Steve Farnsworth—to go with quarterback Mike Cavan and receivers Dennis Hughes and Charles Whittemore. This could be a better team than the one that lost to Arkansas in the Sugar Bowl, although the Bulldogs are certain to miss Bill Stanfill and Jake Scott, All-Americans on defense.

However, Georgia holds no appreciable edge on a half-dozen others. This shapes up as the tightest SEC derby in a decade or more. There is no agreement on how the powers should be rated. Some see Ole Miss as equal to Georgia. Others tap Tennessee, Auburn, LSU or Alabama. Tennessee and Alabama must shake off the memory of one-sided bowl losses, Tennessee to Texas in the Cotton, Alabama to Missouri in the Gator.

Only two SEC schools have senior quarterbacks of proven ability, LSU and Miss. State. Mike Hillman was brilliant in leading LSU to a Peach Bowl victory over Florida State. Tommy Pharr of Miss. State, who had better than 2,000 yards in total offense last fall, is the best all-around quarterback in the league, but he doesn't have much help. Vanderbilt, in the third year under Bill Pace, figures to be much improved. Florida is a question mark and Miss. State lacks defense.

Kentucky offers the only new coach in the league, Johnny Ray, formerly of Notre Dame. The Wildcats doubtless will show immediate improvement but the long-range rebuilding job will be slow. The only other new head coach is P. W. Underwood, who succeeded Thad (Pie) Vann at South-

ern Mississippi. However, P. W. inherited a squad of considerable talent and should field a strong independent team.

Florida State's pro-type offense will be smooth and dangerous again. Miami again has that ponderous line and a solid running game. Georgia Tech, sagging for two years, hopes for better days with young players, headed by tailback Brunt Cunningham and Brad Bourne, defensive end. Among other independents Tampa was the most improved a year ago on a 7-3-0 record and the goal is even higher this fall.

The conference All-America check list is headed by Auburn's Dave Campbell, a tackle who developed rapidly last November, and Steve Kiner, Tennessee linebacker, who made several AA teams as a junior. In the tackle slot with Campbell are Claude Herard, Ole Miss, and a Vanderbilt pair, Bob Asher and John Robinson. Other top linebackers are John Anderson, LSU; Mike Kolen, Auburn; and Jack Reynolds, Tennessee. Others on the AA list are four ends—Dennis Hughes, Georgia; Dave Roller, Kentucky; Sammy Milner, Miss. State; and Kenny DeLong, Tennessee; two centers—Tommy Lyons, Georgia, and Chip Kell, Tennessee; two guards—Steve Greer, Georgia, and Alvin Samples, Alabama; quarterback Tommy Pharr of Miss. State; two running backs—Bruce Kemp, Georgia, and Bo Bowen, Ole Miss; and four defensive backs—Tommy Wade, Alabama; Buddy McClinton, Auburn; Steve Tannen, Florida; and Glenn Cannon, Ole Miss.

Among the major independents the best All-America bets are Rex Barnes, middle guard at Southern Mississippi; Joe Vitunic, Georgia Tech guard; Bill Cappleman, Florida State quarterback; and Miami's safetyman, Tony Stawarz, and Jimmy Schneider, center.

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

GEORGIA—Vince Dooley's Bulldogs are the team to beat although the defense might be a bit weaker than in the championship year of 1968.

All-America Bill Stanfill and Jake Scott are gone. They'll be missed but Georgia has 19 lettermen back for the defensive platoon alone. And nine of the 11 defensive starters have already proved themselves in SEC battle. Georgia's marked improvement should be on the offensive side. The blockers up front are big and strong and experienced. Pass catchers are excellent. And Mike Cavan, quarterback, tops a backfield that rates as the best in the conference.

Cavan, a 200-pound junior, was green a year ago yet he was good enough to provide the leadership, poise and savvy to take the Bulldogs to their second title in three years. Cavan completed 116 out of 207 passes for 1,619 yards and he should be better this time around. In case of injury, his job would fall to Donnie Hampton or Paul Gilbert while sophomore Jack Montgomery works off a redshirt season.

To help Cavan, Dooley has available the top rusher and top pass catcher of 1968. Bruce Kemp,

210-pound back, gained 553 yards. He'll be at full-back ahead of Craig Elrod, 195. At tailback is Steve Farnsworth, also 210, who rushed for 335 yards in 1968. Julian Smiley, 205, is behind him. Chuck Whittemore, 195, had a great soph year, catching 40 passes for 608 yards from the flanker position. Jimmy Shirer, 180, has the No. 2 call there. Dennis Hughes, the 214-pound tight end, didn't catch as many as Whittemore, but his 26 catches helped to save more than one game. Mike Greene, 210, will spell Hughes. Split end will be shared by Billy Brice, 210, and Barry Outlar, 175 flyer.

Center Tommy Lyons, 210, anchors a line that should get better as the season progresses. Steve Chamberlin, 216, is the soph center with a bright future. John Jennings, 210, and Royce Smith, 235-pound sophomore, are deployed at guard not far ahead of Mayo Tucker, 215, and Kendall Keith, 220. Curtis McGill, 230, and Ron Rogers, 230, will share left tackle and right tackle is in experienced hands—Wayne Bird, 225, backed by Buck Baker, 233.

Dennis Watson, 220, sophomore, has the thankless task of taking Stanfill's tackle slot. Buck Swindle, 185, has fallen heir to the safety spot vacated by Scott, a fine punt returner and deep man who intercepted 10 passes. Otherwise, the Bulldogs have old hands. Lee Daniel, 195, is at the other tackle spot. Dave Saye, 220, and Tucker are relievers at tackle. Tim Callaway and Steve Greer, both 210, are guards worthy of all-star consideration. Steve Brown, 210, and Jimmy Wood, 230, play behind them. Phil Russell, 200, and David McKnight, 180, man the flanks with Ken Shaw, 183, behind them very close. If the reserves fail to come through Shaw may play a lot on the left side so that Russell can spell McKnight.

Kerry Teel, 200, and Ron Huggins, 190, are the linebackers, both loaded with experience. Tom Couch, 205, and Mike Lopatka, 210, are sophs who are learning from them. Bill Darby, 185, and Andy Knox, 198, are one-two at left sideback with John Griffin, 180, and Phil Sullivan, 200, alternating at right sideback. Spring drills revealed no No. 2 man to aid Safetyman Swindle.

This Georgia team has solid balance, a schedule that calls for three non-conference games before the title defense begins, and strong kicking. Spike Jones is a magnificent punter and Jim McCullough, the place-kicker, hit 31 out of 33 conversions in 1968 and kicked seven of 16 field goals, one a 40-yarder against Tennessee.

TENNESSEE—The Volunteers, who have lost one conference game in the last 14 starts, will be a contender for the championship again.

Coach Doug Dickey has an experienced and rugged defense and a young and speedy offense; that is, eight seniors on the defensive platoon and an entirely new backfield on the point-scoring unit. Three sophomores have earned a spot on offense to go with two seniors and six juniors.

Tennessee, second to Georgia in 1968, plans to rely more on running, less on passing. The offensive engineer will be Bobby Scott, 6-1, 195-pound ju-

nior, who played mop-up quarterback behind Bubba Wycho last fall. He runs much better than Bubba and has a stronger and less accurate arm. Phil Pierce, 190, a rangy and quick-throwing sophomore of great promise, lines up behind Scott although injuries knocked him out of spring drills. A brisk battle is in progress at tailback where Richmond Flowers played a year ago. This vital job could go to Bobby Patterson, 210, or Don Carpenter, 208 and very fast, or Lanny Pearce, 193, who has played the most, or to Bobby Majors, 190.

The new fullback is almost certain to be sophomore Curt Watson, 197, a strong runner with exceptional balance. Steve Wold, 208, and Don McLeary, 198, could not displace him in spring drills. Lester McClain, 6-3, 190, should be ready for a great pass catching year at flanker. Sophs Gary Theiler, 205, and Andy Bennett, 185, are fighting for the No. 2 spot. McClain will share the pass catching spotlight with Gary Kreis, 190, split end, and Kenny DeLong, 220, tight end. This trio caught 88 passes a year ago and should do even better. Dave Beckler, 212, is playing behind DeLong; fleet Stan Trott, 175, behind Kreis.

Tennessee is thin in experience in the offensive line. Chip Kell, 247, who should be one of the great centers, is the only regular returning among the front five. Mike Bevans, 210, provides insurance behind Kell. Two sophs will share right tackle, Jimmy Moss, 225, and Gaylon Hill, 212. Steve Robinson, 210, and Tom Baucem, 233, both lettermen, will alternate on the other side. John Keller, 212, won the left guard spot from Joe Balthrop, 215, last spring. And Don Denbo, 210, lost his 1968 spot at guard to Phil Fulmer, 210-pound sophomore.

Tennessee's defense, which should be extra special, is woven around two talented linebackers, Steve Kiner, 1968 All-America, and Jack Reynolds, who is just as good. They've been regulars for two years. Kiner, 205, hits hard and has outside speed. Soph Tony Edwards, 190, plays behind him. Reynolds, 220, plays in the middle with Wayne Smith, 210, in reserve. In the Vols' new 4-3-4 alignment Manley Mixon, 197, is the other linebacker. Jackie Walker, 190, is the sub who has a bright future.

James Woody, 215, middle guard last year in the Vols' 5-3-3 defense, is now at defensive end across the way from Vic Dingus, 210, a reckless and aggressive athlete. Ron Drummonds, 205, and Tom Bennett, 194, are the No. 2 flankers. Steve Carroll, 218, and Gary Wemlinger, 205, will share one tackle slot. Frank Yanossy, 232, and Tim Persinger, 215, are 1-2 on the other side. Mike Jones, 200, is the rover who will be a linebacker, defensive end, or pass defender as the occasion demands. Soph Marty Shuford, 195, is trying to learn the position.

The deep defense is in the hands of three lettermen—Benny Dalton, 195; Tim Priest, 185; and Bill Young, 190. In relief are Wayne Spain, 186; George Silvey, 180; and Jimmy Thomas, 185. Tennessee's additional assets include punters Herman Weaver, 40.4 average last season and Majors and place-kicker George Hunt, who takes over from Karl Kremser, who scored 106 points with his toe in the 1967-68 seasons.

LOUISIANA STATE—Just to show you what a screwy game football is let's cite the fame and fortune of the LSU Tigers.

Charley McClendon's team has won six of the last seven bowl games and leads the Dixie schools in attendance every year yet the Tigers have not won or shared an SEC title since 1961.

That may sound frustrating and it is, but the 1969 Tiger team will be like all the others of the past decade or so—a potential SEC champion, capable of ranking in the Top Ten of the nation, and certainly a likely bowl team. LSU is once again "loaded" on defense, which pleases Coach McClendon immensely, but the offense was far from set as LSU buckled down to September preparations for the opener with Texas Aggies.

Graduation cleaned out a supply of good backs—quarterback Fred Haynes, runners Tommy Allen, Kenny Newfield, Glenn Smith, Frank Matte and Maurice LeBlanc. And to add to McClendon's problems returnees Eddie Ray, fullback, and Jim West, flanker, have hopefully recovered from knee surgery. Nevertheless, LSU has 15 lettermen back for the platoon charged with putting points on the board. Mike Hillman, the southpaw quarterback who was sensational in the Peach Bowl victory over Florida State, is on tap for a senior season that should be outstanding. Butch Duhe, a bit larger than Hillman at 190 pounds, won the No. 2 job in the spring. He's a sophomore.

The tailback will have to be a totally inexperienced newcomer, only spot where there is no letterman. Allen Storey, stumpy 180-pounder, looks good there. Depth is provided by Art Cantrelle, 197, and Chris Dantin, 184, who played on the freshman team last fall. If Ray's knee holds up, there's no problem at fullback; if not, Jim Gilbert, 196, or Chaille Percy, 180, will get the call. Both are seniors.

Andy Hamilton, 6-3, 175, a sophomore of great potential, will share the pass-catching flanker role with West. Lenny Myles, 195, is the other top receiver at split end, backed by Ken Kavanaugh, 187, son of the LSU star of 30 years ago. Mike Wright, 204, has a firm hold on tight end, but Randy Russell, 212, will be pushing him before the season is half over.

Godfrey Zaunbrecher, 233, is the star of stars in the blocking five up front. He should be one of the best centers in the country which means that Steve Egge, 212, sophomore, won't get to play much. Tony Russell, 222, and Bob McSherry, 225, are well established at guard with Bob Ryder, 235, and Mike Wright, 205, experienced and steady at tackles. Lettermen subs at guard are Steve Martin, 215, and John McCann, 211. The sub tackles are less experienced but steady—Glenn Alexander, 242, and Charles Stuart, 238.

LSU's defense should be very good. It includes 17 lettermen and the starting unit includes only one sophomore—Tom Casanova, 186, who is just a step ahead of soph Gene Bingman, 185. Casanova plays left cornerback opposite from Steve Polozola, 172, who is well ahead of John Nagle, 183, another sophomore. Coach McClendon has four lettermen for double safety roles—Don Addison, 181, and Jim

Early, 188, on the left, and Bill Norsworthy, 179, and Craig Burns, 175, on the right side.

McClendon is pushing George Bevan, 190, middle linebacker for national honors. He has completely recovered from an injury to the Achilles tendon. Almost as outstanding is Mike Anderson, 215, the left linebacker who was sensational as a sophomore. Bill Thomason, 207, is steady and dependable as the third linebacker. Ricki Owens, 198, plays behind Anderson, Boyd Perry, 210, behind Bevan, and Lloyd Frye, 204, behind Thomason. John Sage, 220, and Bobby King, 221, share one tackle spot; Don Bozeman, 217, and Fred Michaelson, 197, the other one. Tom Youngblood, 218, and Bud Millican, 215, guard the flanks, backed by Jerry Kober, 213, and Arthur Davis, 186, and they're lettermen, too.

ALABAMA—The Crimson Tide would pass this one off as a "rebuilding" year. And it is, but SEC rivals have too much respect and fear of Paul (Bear) Bryant to ever take him or his team for granted.

Alabama lost the very heart out of a fine defensive unit; furthermore, the offense does not appear to be awesome, but wary foes still consider the Tide a tough team to whip.

Last year the Tide scored only 177 points, fewest total for a Bryant team in a decade. The coach, who has an incredible 96-17-7 mark for his 11 years at Alabama, devoted harsh spring drills to doing something about that offense. The blocking line should be much better and there is a definite lift at tailback where sophomore Johnny Musse, 190, a brilliant runner, has found a home. He took the job away from senior Pete Moore, 193, last spring.

Scott Hunter, an in-and OUTER as a sophomore, is still the No. 1 man, a passer who is seldom effective as a runner. Spring injuries prevented runner Neb Hayden, 190, from challenging Hunter in early drills. Pete Jilleba, 212, one of the Tide's most improved players in 1968, is on tap at fullback and he's a good one. Tom Stringfellow, 190, is cast behind him. The flanker might be Bubba Sawyer, a fleet 170-pounder, or Tommy Wade, 195, who doubles as a defensive halfback.

Bryant is counting on a big pass-catching year out of George Ranager, 195, the sophomore who sometime disappointed in 1968. He'll be at split end ahead of Griff Langston, 178. Hunter Husband, 213, and Jim Simmons, 215, are battling for the tight end job. Danny Ford, 198, and Ken Wilder, 218, both seniors, are top hands at tackle. Popo Koch, 197, and Carl Douglass, 220, play supporting roles. Jim Rosser, 205, bright sophomore prospect, and Alvin Samples, 216, are the guards, backed by Jim Grammer, 195, and Woody Garner, 192. Dick Grammer, 205, Jim's brother, is well ahead of Jackie Lane, 195, at the important center position.

On defense, Bryant must replace Mike Ford, Bob Childs, Wayne Owen, All-America Mike Hall and Don Sutton, all three-year regulars. That's quite a chore. The new platoon basically will be a junior unit. Mike Hand, 205, and Wayne Rhoads, 206, are the new ends. Robin Parkhouse, 200, and Alec Pittman, 195, are almost as good. Paul Boschung, 210, is the steady star at tackle who sometimes helps



SAM GELLERSTEDT stands out at middle guard in Alabama drive for SEC honors.



SCOTT HUNTER (right) is again in charge of aerial fireworks for Crimson Tide.

out on offense, too. Jim Duke, 228, plays the other tackle. Neither is likely to be dislodged by Jeff Beard, 210, or Mitchell Weaver, 230. Sammy Gellerstedt, 200, a brilliant sophomore middleguard last fall, dropped out last spring to bolster sagging grades. If he returns, which is likely, he'll be one of the best. Terry Rowell, 195, is No. 2 man at that spot.

Bryant has tapped Danny Gilbert, 185, Billy Strickland, 223, and Woodie Husband, 195, brother of the tight end, as linebackers. None will match Mike Hall but all look like first teamers. Lanny Norris, 182, Bobby Stanford, 195, and Clarence Brasher, 195, are in the bullpen.

Wade, a sometime offensive player, will share one sideback with Dave Bailey, 190, an exceptional sophomore. Tom Weigadn, 182, and Ken Emerson, or Terry Davis, 178, at safety.

Alabama devoted most of spring drills to developing a running game to go with Hunter's passing. Bryant seeks more balance in his offense, more points on the scoreboard to take some of the heat off a defense that can hardly be as good as a year ago.

MISSISSIPPI—The Rebels of John Vaught gambled on youth in 1968 and almost won. Vaught's eager, young sophomores launched a hopeful year with victories over Memphis State, Kentucky and Alabama, but it was all a mirage.

Injuries and inexperience on defense shattered Ole Miss and the team finished among the also-rans. But these sophomores now are juniors and the Rebels can win a title if they keep the regulars healthy. Twenty-one of Vaught's regulars in 1968 are back, yet there are only 10 lettermen on the two second units, which indicates lack of depth.

The Ole Miss engineer again will be Archie Manning, the 6-3, 198-pound passer and runner who had his high and low moments as a sophomore. Shug Chumbler, 6-4, 200, is an adequate No. 2 man, but Manning will run the show. Archie displayed incredible poise under fire. He completed 127 passes in 263 tries for 1,510 yards and ran for



GLENN CANNON, hit by injury last season, returns to safety for Ole Miss.

ARCHIE MANNING (left) passed for 1510 and ran for 208 guiding '68 Rebs.

208 yards. Had he not been burdened with a sophomore-studded supporting cast his first year might have been a championship year.

Coach Vaught beefed up the offense by moving Leon Felts, 180, from wingback to tailback to replace the departed Steve Hindman. Bo Bowen, who rushed for 479 yards, is back at fullback, and Buddy Jones, 190, has taken over the wingback spot. Bob Knight, 185, will push Felts at tailback. Joe Sam Owen, 204, and Luke Webb, 212, are backup men at wingback and fullback.

Up front on offense are six juniors and sophomore Jim Poole, Jr., 218, the latest in a long line of football-playing Poole's. He won the tight end job in the spring from Preston Carpenter, 212, and letterman Mike Shumaker, 198-pound junior. Riley Myers, 183, and Floyd Franks, 185, will share the pass-catching assignment at split end. Great improvement is expected in the blockers up front—Buddy Mitchell, 226, and Worthy McClure, 225, tackles; Bill Coker, 220, Skip Jernigan, 220, guards; and Dave Bridgers, 208, center. Bob Burke, 219, and Murray Williams, 225, are hanging onto the reserve tackle jobs. Elmer Allen, 226, and Larry Torgerson, 220, lack only game experience, and Wimpy Winther, 245, lacks speed as a blocking center.

The defensive platoon is composed only of juniors and seniors, an area where the Rebels figure to show vast improvement. Last fall Ole Miss yielded 23 touchdowns and 253 yards per game. The last five Rebel foes piled up 117 points. Pass defense was notably porous. In that area, Glenn Cannon, 182, is back to play the safety role with Danny Hooker, 180, in reserve. Ray Heidel, 182, and Fred Farmer, 181, are sidebacks. Lettermen Wyck Neely, 190, and Bill Jones, 170, are available, too.

A year of experience should make the linebackers much more effective. Bill Vandevender, 185, is back to play the rover role. George Lotterhos, 190, is a worthy replacement. Fred Brister, 208, and Tom Magee, 200, both of whom lettered last season, will share the left linebacking role. On the other side Joe Blount, 215, and Paul Dongieux, 205, a sophomore, are 1-2 and should be much more than

adequate. The only other soph likely to see extensive action on defense is Allen LeBlanc, 210, who is pushing Dennis Coleman, 220, at right end. Hap Farber, 215, is well ahead of John Gilliland, 204, at left end.

Buz Morrow, 230, should be one of the top tackles in the league. Claude Herard, 230, at right tackle is almost as good. John Baskin, 220, and John Aldridge, 210, are worthy replacements. Jarry Thomas, 195, and Heff Horn, 215, are in a brisk contest for the starting role at middle guard with Cliff Booth, 210, a capable man behind them. Punter Julian Fagan and place-kicker Perry King round out the personnel expected to put the Rebels back among the SEC elite.

AUBURN—The best news out of Auburn is that coach Ralph (Shug) Jordan is well again after a cancer scare.

Now, Shug is in the driver's seat again. Last spring he put in a new offense—the triple option or full house backfield—to go with a sturdy defense and there are some who consider the Tigers a top prospect for the SEC championship.

It seems certain that Auburn will have a fine team, maybe the best in recent years, but the schedule works against the Tigers. They must play Tennessee in Knoxville, LSU in Baton Rouge and Georgia in Athens and there is always the old bugaboo, Alabama. The Tide has won five in a row from Jordan's fiery charges.

Nevertheless, the Auburn defense should give the Tigers at least a chance to defeat any team. Linebackers Mike Kolen, 210, Bobby Strickland, 198, Ron Yarbrough, 222, and Sonny Ferguson, 197, are the backbone of a defense that discourages rushing. They'll be spelled from time to time by Dan Carpenter, 200 John Hayworth, 201, Mike Holtzclaw, 193, and Mike Fitzhugh, 185. The front four are almost as efficient. Neal Dettmering, 213, and Durward Sauls, 193, are game-tempered ends. Sophs Robby Robinett, 206, and Bob Brown, 205, will get to play on rare occasions barring injury. Dave Campbell, 245, tackle, is superb at rushing the passer and Vince Bowlin, 270, is steady but less mobile than Campbell. Don Bristow, 230, and Pete Pummer, 215, are being rushed to get ready for emergency action at the tackles.

Coach Jordan is especially fond of the three seniors who handle the deep positions—Don Webb, 184, Merrill Shirley, 180, and safety Buddy McClinton, 190, long ago designated by his coach as the best man he ever had at that exacting assignment. Phil Gilchrist, 174, Larry Willingham, 177, and Dwight Sliger, 178, will learn from the veterans.

Auburn's big goal on offense is to find a way to launch an effective ground game. The departed Loran Carter, passing quarterback, was Auburn's principal weapon in 1968. Now, the new platoon must rely on Tommy Traylor, 175, or Pat Sullivan, 193, as the new leader, the new quarterback. Both run and throw. Traylor runs better than he throws. Sullivan is good at both. But there is no proof that the others in the new backfield can make the "full house" backfield go as Texas did in 1968.

Tom Lowry, 198, and Mickey Zofko, 187, are working at left half; Mike Currier, 184, and Mac Crawford, 186, at right half; and Wallace Clark, 195 and often injured, and Billy Green, 200, at fullback. Of course, Auburn intends to throw a good deal, too, having many fine receivers even in addition to Currier and Crawford. Alvin Bresler, 175, is one. He skipped spring drills in favor of track but he'll be a flanker this fall. Terry Beasley, 185, and Connie Frederick, 195, are the ends who'll figure heavily in the air game. Beasley is the split end ahead of Dick Schmalz, 194, a talented sophomore. Ron Ross, 204, will run at tight end behind Frederick.

Battle experience is scarce in the offensive line. Tom Banks, 235, is a standout senior at center. Jim Speigner, 221, junior, is a solid replacement for Banks. Greg Robert, 228, and Dick Cheek, 239, are the tackles, backed by Hal Hamrick, 237, and Larry Stephens, 230. John Valentine, 200, isn't too far ahead of soph Jack Fierella, 216, at left guard. On the other side Hank Self, 199, won the role in the spring from Tom Lyle, 230.

If by any chance the Tigers decide to junk the triple option for lots of passing the spotlight might turn to Rick Eisenacher, a fine passer who bypassed football last spring to pitch for the baseball team.

VANDERBILT—Young Bill Pace has worked wonders at Vanderbilt in two years.

Now, in the third year of an impressive rebuilding job, he begins to pay the penalty. The Commodores cannot ambush an SEC foe, nor will the Pace-paced Vanderbilt team be taken lightly by any who saw them whip Army, Kentucky, and Tulane, or tie Florida, or scare the daylights out of Tennessee in a 10-7 loss.

Vanderbilt will have more speed, an improved defense, and significant help at quarterback. Johnny Miller won the quarterback role a year ago and currently fights off the challenge of a talented sophomore, Watson Brown, who runs and throws better than Miller, but needs game action. Miller is only 5-10, 169, but he's a gutty little man who does remarkable things when the game begins. Brown can give the team a lift from time to time and the good receivers are back, plus a runner who will help—Doug Mathews, 170, who was on defense in 1968.

Mathews is the ranking tailback now, moving ahead of John Valput, 177, speedy but often hurt. Dave Strong, 185, is an asset at right half as runner or receiver. John Ingram, 196, is the sub there. Alan Spear, 190, and Bill Young, 208, will alternate at fullback. Curt Chesley, willowy 177-pounder, is back at split end to bedevil pass defenders, one of the best pass catchers in the South. Karl Weiss, 6-5, 240, is an ideal body at tight end, blocker and occasional pass target. Dave West, 201, plays behind Chesley and Larry Hayes, 230, provides depth on the other flank.

The most improved blocker is Bob Asher, 245, at tackle. Soph Jeff Gibson, 217, is learning from him. Don Johnston, 210, and Frank Banks, 205, will share the strong tackle spot. The blocking threesome in the middle will be Jim Combs, 221; Lyndal Ken-



DAVE CAMPBELL, Auburn tackle, keeps unrelenting pressure on rival passers.



MIKE KOLEN (right) is part of rugged defense as linebacker for the Plainsmen.

nedy, 208, center; and Chuck Springfield, 210. Three sophs are pushing them—Bob Duval, 211; Sandy Haury, 218, center; and John Drake, 202. Thus, the offense has four seniors, seven juniors, on the starting unit; three seniors, eight sophs on the second unit.

Coach Pace is building a sturdy defense around Bill McDonald, 210, middle guard; Pat Toomay, 227, end; and Christia Hauck, 187, the roving linebacker. Neal Smith, 185, slick safetyman, was sidelined in the spring for extracurricular hijinks, but he was expected back. At middle guard McDonald has two good helpers—Tom Wuchina, 215, and John Carney, 214. Steve Fritts, 206, and John Fuqua, 195, battle-tested juniors, are linebackers with Mike Patterson, 212, and Terry Rettig, 187, two more juniors, in reserve.

John Robinson, 209, and Les Lyle, 225, won battlefield promotions as sophomores in 1968. They're better than ever at tackle. Dave Haun, 213, and Terry Reeves, 192, will be ready in case they're needed in early games against Michigan and Army. Toomey's height (6-6) and heft makes him ideal as a flanker who can smother the passer, an assignment he attacks with great enthusiasm. Buzz Hamilton, 210, will spell him occasionally. Noel Stahl, 211, and soph Mike Hammerschmidt, 196, will share the left end role.

Danny Miller, 178, is the best bet to give Hauck some help as the rover. Assuming that Neal Smith will be back, others in the secondary will be Greg O'Neal, 185, and Steve Smith, 185. Depth is provided by Randy Hickerson, 171; Ed Narewski, 178; Gary Chesley, 170, and David Carmichael, 186.

FLORIDA—Ray Graves rounds out a decade as coach of the Gators, a period in which he has produced several good teams. But a conference title still eludes the Gators after 35 years.

Graves' coaching record far surpasses that of Bob Woodruff, Ray Wolf, Tom Leib, Josh Cody and Dutch Stanley—his predecessors in SEC play—but the Gators of 1969 are still ambitious for a championship. Last year Florida was favored and stum-



JIM HADLEY, 6-6 and 247, gives Florida effective stop sign on line at tackle spot.

STEVE TANNEN (left), hard-hitting cornerback is power on Gator defense.



TOMMY PHARR, Miss. St. QB, rushed for 522 and hit for 1838 yards more by air.



SAMMY MILNER (right) paced State and SEC with 64 catches for 909 yards.

bled. This year the Gators do not appear to be a strong contender.

Coming off of a 6-3-1 season, Florida is likely to be solid on defense, questionable on offense. Graves is molding a defensive unit, composed entirely of lettermen, around Steve Tannen, 194, a nimble and fiery cornerback; Jack Youngblood, 228, an end whose forte is rushing the passer; and Jim Hadley, 6-6, 247, monster at tackle. Bob Coleman, 202, is a tough "little man" at the end opposite Youngblood. Bob Harrell, 217, and Britt Skrivanek, 196, are much more than adequate if the first line pair get hurt.

Hadley and Robbie Rebol, 208, are the inside protectors in Florida's four-man front. Danny Williams, 216, will share Rebol's spot but if Hadley escapes injury he'll keep Alan Cole, 212, on the bench in the tight battles. Florida has uncommonly fine protection at the linebacking spots. On the left side Dave Ghesquiere, 198, is not far ahead of Brad Powell, 192, and in the middle there are two lettermen, Tom Abdnour, 194, and Mike Palahach, 199. On the right Mike Kelley, 213, has experience on Gary Kadric, 200, sophomore.

Tannen was one of the South's finest secondary defenders a year ago. Mark Ely, 180, also a senior, isn't as spectacular as Tannen but he's highly dependable. John Faix, 192, and Bruce Gunter, 169, are non-lettermen subs. Graves likes his twin safety-men—Jack Burns, 179, and Skip Albury, 177—and sees a bright future for the sophs behind them—Doug Sorenson, 169, and Robbie Dobelstein, 185.

Florida's fate this fall could rest with the quarterback, a spot that grieved the Gators in 1968. Jack Eckdahl, 180, seldom well in two past seasons, won the job last spring but John Reaves, 6-4, 205, a dazzling prep star from Tampa, is likely to take the job away from him. Jerry Vinesett's running last November indicated the 185-pound junior may be ready for stardom. Tom Durrance, 200, will spell him at tailback. Carlos Alvarez, 181, sophomore with great speed, is the new flanker back, only a step ahead of Andy Cheney, 182, another sophomore. Garry Walker, 193, will share fullback with Mike Rich, 204.

The Gator line is smaller and more mobile. Paul Malinski, 182, and Ted Hager, 173, finished the spring about even at split end. Skip Amelung, 233, won the tight end job on blocking muscle. Guy McTheny, former halfback, is the No. 2 man there. The largest starter, tackle to tackle, is Mac Steen, 233, the right tackle. Wayne Griffith, 217, won the job at left tackle. Jim Kiley, 227, and Butch Condon, 202, are capable reserves.

Coach Graves has no experienced player for right guard. Randy Warbritton, 212, and Fred Abbott, 211, are in a duel there. Donnie Williams, 209, is all set at left guard. Sophomore Gary Peterson, 203, needs only game action to rate a regular job. Center is in the solid hands of Kim Helton, 213, a senior who plays well under pressure. Nick Sinardi, 212, a 1968 letterman, plays behind Helton.

MISSISSIPPI STATE—Coach Charley Shira will field another exciting team but there cannot be many victories until the defense shows vast improvement.

State can score but so can the opposition. Last fall quarterback Tommy Pharr led the Bulldogs up and down the field, mounting an offense that got 301 yards per game and scored 146 points. But State didn't win a game, tied Texas Tech and Ole Miss, and now hasn't defeated an SEC foe since early in 1965.

The offensive stars return and the defense looks young. Chances are State will win a game or two but general improvement must wait for more help on defense. Pharr, 5-9, 180-pounder, a sleeper among the prep stars of 1965, has developed into a fine runner and passer. He ran for 239 yards in 1968 and passed for 1,838 yards, a 2,077 total surpassed by only two men in SEC history. Joe Reed, 188, a transfer from Baylor, may spell him occasionally.

His help from the runners should be better than last fall. Andy Rhoades, 172, and Lynn Zeringue, 175, will share the tailback lead with Bob Gossett, 199, and Don Dudley, 190, in the fullback battle. Steve Whaley, 188, non-letterman, has won the wingback job from Terry Smithart, 185, who let-



DICK BEARD, Kentucky senior back, carried for 392 yards and 8 TDs on 90 tries.

DAVE ROLLER (left), 6-2 and 202, leads defensive brigade for the Wildcats.

tered last season. Pharr's favorite targets will be Sammy Milner, 203, and David Smith, 160, the ends who caught 102 passes a year ago—Milner 64, Smith 38. Ron Moore, 203, plays behind Milner, Bob Young, 195, a transfer from Texas Aggies, behind Smith.

Fred Russell, 250, and Barry Bordelon, 220, lead the blockers charged with protecting Pharr and associates. Russell is the senior tackle, assisted by Eddie Gilliland, 212, on the right side. Joe Edwards, 233, sophomore and an outstanding prospect, is the left tackle. Junior Tate Marsh, 214, backs him up. Bordelon is a two-time letterman at left guard. Another soph, Butch Yarbrough, 192, plays behind him. Roy Carnell, 197, and Joe Hart, 206, are contending for the other guard position with Ronnie Gray, 248, well established at center. Behind Gray is James Simpson, 202, a sophomore of exceptional ability.

Only four lettermen are in the starting lineup on defense. To compound a critical situation six sophomores will play first string. But they could show improvement on the unit that yielded 382 yards per game and 260 points in 1968. No foe scored less than 17 points on the Bulldogs. Mike Eaton, 211, and Joe Alderman, 201, both sophs, are in a brisk battle at left end. Gene Wood, 198, is set at right end if his knee surgery works. Danny Buck, 203, is close behind him. Jack Thomas, 252, and Jerry Conrad, 222, are the tackles. Chuck Nicholson, 208, and Durwood Stephens, 225, are capable second stringers.

Coach Shira employs three linebackers, two of whom are seniors—Joe Jennings, 195, and Sammy Johnson, 194. Soph Chuck Dees, 211, plays between the two. Behind them are Dickie Carpenter, 198; Chick King, 203, and Mike Wade, 211. Sophomores man three of the four positions in the secondary. Buddy Newsom, 160, who lettered on offense a year ago, is one safety. Tom McElroy, 169, won the other safety job last spring. Sophs Joe Joy, 178, and Bill Lancaster, 171, are the sidebacks. Louis D'Avignon, 175, and Conn Canale, 172, are backup sidebacks and Canale does a fine job of punting, too. Joel Holliman, 182, and Buddy Hardwich, 187,

are not far behind the regulars at twin safety assignments.

KENTUCKY—The SEC has only one new head coach, Johnny Ray, a recruit from Notre Dame. Ray, the No. 1 defensive aide to Ara Parseghian in recent years, steps into a job where Carley Bradshaw failed in a seven-year trial. The dynamic new boss conducted a spirited set of spring drills climaxed by a spring game that drew 12,000 spectators, almost as many as saw some varsity contests in the fall of 1968.

This could be the most improved team in the league. Kentucky was 0-7-0 in the league and 3-7-0 for the fall in Bradshaw's finale and you can bet Ray will improve on that mark, especially the winless cellar performance in the league. As expected, Ray made many changes in personnel, installed the 4-4-3 defense he used with the Irish, and generated morale.

Kentucky's quarterback will be Stan Forston, ill-starred passer in three years on campus, or Bernie Scruggs, an untested sophomore. Dave Bair, 188, erstwhile quarterback, has been moved to wingback where he is No. 2 to Joe Jacobs, 189, who quit the squad last season. Coach Ray likes his two running backs, Roger Gann and Dick Beard, both 208-pounders. Bill Duke, 190, formerly on defense, has won the fullback spot, backed by Houston Hogg, 217, a junior who saw almost no action in 1968.

Coach Ray will alternate Vic King, 205, and Phil Thompson, 194, as the flanked end. They caught 29 passes apiece in 1968 for close to 800 yards. Dave Hardt, 221, who does the punting, is well set at tight end. Tom Crowe, 190, is the No. 2 man who made great progress in the spring. Sophomores must deliver if the offensive line is able to provide the necessary blocking. Dane Hansen, 227, junior, and soph Tom Morris, 219, are the tackles. Sophs Bruce Sauerbry, 233, and Bill Crissey, 202, furnish relief. Soph Jerry Bentley, 210, and Soph John Marcum, 229, are wrestling for one guard assignment while Roddy Wolfe, 203, has an edge on Marty Yerdon, 200, for the other one. Junior Pat Eckenrod, 218, and soph Dan Neal, 218, are engaged in serious battle for the center role with Eckenrod slightly ahead.

One of Ray's great experiments was in finding a new spot for Dave Roller, 210, the soph of 1968 who shone at middle guard. There is no middle guard in the new defense, so Roller is now a defensive end. Dick Palmer, 220, who starred at end in 1968, was kicked off the squad for breaking training rules, but he was expected back. Don Porterfield, 208, and Doyle King, 229, are steady reserves at the flanks.

Mike Boulware, 234, and soph Dave Markem, 224, man the tackles. Marty Joyce, 236, and Sam Marvis, 243, are more than adequate in relief. Ray turned the linebacking over to soph Joe Federspiel, 215, and three veterans—Wilbur Hackett, 183, who made the all-soph team a year ago; Charles Blackburn, 209, and Frank Rucks, 213. Rich Muench, 203, Don Holland, 207, Gayloe Goins, 215, and Cary Shahid, 190, who also was disciplined last spring, give the team a fair bench in linebacking.



RONNIE WALLACE keeps rival passer on his toes as Fla. St. defensive end.

BILL CAPPLEMAN (left) hit for 2410 yards and 25 TDs as Seminole signal caller.



TONY STAWARZ provides speed and skill for Miami as standout defensive back.



DAVID KALINA (right) had 43 catches in '68 to equal Hurricane receiving record.

Sophomores must help out in the deep secondary. Paul Martin, 180, who lettered a year ago, is the left sideback. Soph Dave Van Meter, 181, is playing behind him. Two sophomores—Joe Stephan, 162, and Tom Demhoff, 177—are battling for the other sideback spot. The safety assignment is a tossup among four or five.

Kentucky's big asset under Ray will be a new confidence and spirit, the major drawback a lack of speed in the offensive line.

INDEPENDENTS

FLORIDA STATE—All-American Ron Sellers is gone but Florida State's pro-type offense and rugged defense remains.

Coach Bill Peterson, whose Seminoles ripped off eight victories in 1968, calls this a rebuilding year but he has 27 lettermen on tap, an experienced quarterback and running back, and some bright new talent to catch the ball.

"We lost four of our five interior linemen, all four defensive backs and all three linebackers, as well as Sellers," says Peterson. "But we think Bill Cappleman is one of the best quarterbacks in the country. Our big problem is to develop protection for him. We do have more depth and size among our runners and our kicking game should be good."

Cappleman tossed 25 touchdown passes last fall, completing 162 passes in 287 tries for 2410 yards. Without Sellers he probably will not do as well but FSU has other good catchers in the incubator. This time his favorite targets will be Jim Tyson, 210, the tight end who caught 11 for 151 yards; Mike Glass, 200, who understudies Tyson, and two sophs at split end—Rhett Dawson, 187, and Kent Gaydos, 210. Don Pederson, 180, returns at flanker back, and behind him is Mike Gray, 201.

Tom Bailey, 210, leads the ground offense. He ran for 570 yards, averaging 4.9 per carry. Arthur Munroe, 188, is his backup man. Brent Gilman, 205, will share the fullbacking with Jim Jarrett, 207. But as Peterson said the real task is in the offensive line. Jay Stokes, 220, tops the sophomore prospects. He'll be the No. 1 center. Allen Dees, 196, is No. 2. Bill

Rimby, 220, and Jeff Curchin, 255, looked good at tackle in spring drills. Behind them are Wayne Johnson, 238, and Richard Amman, 220. Stan Walker, 220, has won a guard spot from Jim Sawyer, 215, and Randy Logan, 230, is ahead of Mike Sammons, 214, on the other side of center.

FSU's ground defense should be adequate if the new linebackers develop as expected. The men up front are experienced, paced by Frank Vohun, 225, tackle, and Ron Wallace, 194, end. Vohun has all the equipment for all-star category, plus game experience. Tom White, 240, plays behind him. At the opposite tackle, Bob McEachern, 215, shares the assignment with Duke Johnston, 245, leading man on the defensive platoon.

Beryl Rice, 201, has a firm grip on the left flank, being well ahead of J. W. McKinnie, 195. Behind Wallace at right end is Randy Hall, 206. Linebackers moving up to first team responsibility are Bill Lohse, 221, Bobby Burt, 210, and Steve Gildea, 195. Linebacking depth is provided by Guy Glisson, 195, Theron Bass, 200, and Barry Rice, 207.

Coach Peterson is high on the potential of Benny Rust, 180, and Bob Ashmore, 185, sophomores in the secondary. One cornerback spot rests between John Pell, 178, and Dave Barnes, 175. Rust has won the other cornerback role from Danny Thomas, 184. Ashmore is the starter at one of the two safety positions, holding a modest margin on John Montgomery, 191. Doug Mitchell, 198, and John Lanahan, 196, are still in a tight struggle for the other one.

Actually, the FSU campaign depends to a great extent on how well the Seminoles fill the Ron Sellers role. Ron caught 86 passes for 1,496 yards and 12 touchdowns. That's an offense in itself and the FSU foes never figured out a way to put the strait-jacket on the brilliant split end. This time around FSU probably will have a more balanced attack, better running and less dependence on one man.

MIAMI—Coach Charley Tate's 1969 Hurricane might not be the best college team in the South but it probably will be the biggest.

The linemen are huge and the backs are husky,



BRAD BOURNE (above)
Ga. Tech's top defensive
lineman shifts over to end.

JOE VITUNIC, Ga. Tech
offensive guard, is back
after knee injury in '68.

but Miami still must prove that it has recovered from the November slump of 1968. Tate's team went into November with a shining 4-1-0 record but lost in the stretch to Auburn, Penn State, Alabama and Florida, a finish that casts a questioning shadow over the 1969 campaign.

Yet Miami has 34 lettermen, juniors or seniors at all 22 positions except two, and some fine runners. In spring drills Tate found a new quarterback and moved Bobby Best, 210, from fullback to running back. Jim Pytel, 187, who played in relief of Dave Olive a year ago, is the engineer this time around and he looks like a good one. If he falters the job would go to Kurt Schottenheimer, 200.

Tate proclaims Best as the finest ground-gainer Miami has had in a decade or more, good enough to move ahead of Vince Opalsky, 208, who led the team in rushing last fall. The Best switch made room at fullback for Steve Schaap, a 234-pound piledriver. Tom Sullivan, 189, plays behind him. Ray Bellamy, 203, and Joe Schmidt, 212, will share the pass-catching role from the flanker position.

The offensive line is built around Jimmy Schneider, 236-pound senior who has quickness and blocking ability. Stan Bujalski, 205, may spell him occasionally. On either side of Schneider are George Hopgood, 250, and Steve Henson, 242, two of the best guards anywhere. Behind them are two almost as big—Mike Turner, 248, and Wiley Matthews, 240. James Chaltas, 230, and Gary McCormick, 232, afford solid protection at left tackle. Larry Wilson, 237, won right tackle from Ray Terzynski, 250, being the only sophomore regular on offense. Dave Kalina, 206, who caught 43 passes for 628 yards in 1968, is back at split end. Van Gollmont, 190, junior, is a valuable reserve. Rick Strawbridge, 214, and Mike O'Brien, 220, are about even at tight end.

Coach Tate's defense is just as burly and experienced as the offense. He looks to Tony Cline, Bill Trout and Tony Stawarz to give the defenders leadership so vital in the tough games. Cline, 224, plays left end but he isn't too far ahead of Jim Seely, 225. Right end belongs to Jim Kresl, 208, and Al Palewicz, 200, in that order. All-America

candidate Trout, 246, and Bob Trocolor, 245, give Miami two of the finest tackles on any one team. Tom Colip, 238, and Dick Trower, 245, are much more than adequate in relief. Bill Majewski and Dan Johnson, both 225-pounders, are dependable although Johnson is only a sophomore.

Paul Manard, the only soph regular on this platoon, won the linebacking assignment from Wayne Lawrence, 220, last spring. Jack Chauvet, 221, and Dick Sorensen, 212, both lettermen, give solid protection at the other linebacking spot. Charles Parker, 190, and Greg Perz, 183, are battle-tested at the important cornerback roles, being well ahead of Jim Haviland, 181, and Gary Mick, 180.

Coach Tate is quick to single out Safetyman Stawarz, 195, as the best player on either platoon, a deep defenseman he wouldn't trade for any he has ever seen. Dean Stone, 183, lettered last year as safety on the other side. In case of injury, Barry Frederickson, 190, and Emmitt Elliott, 195, can play. Both are juniors who failed to letter in 1968.

GEORGIA TECH—The football fortunes of the sagging Jackets rest with young men who did not play last fall, such as tailback Brent Cunningham, quarterback Charley Dudish, end Braddock Bourne and guard Joe Vitunic.

Which means, of course, that the proud alumni of Georgia Tech may have to suffer one more losing season.

Coach Bud Carson is going heavily for sophomores and sophs seldom whip teams like Southern California, Georgia, Tennessee and Notre Dame. But he hopes the newcomers can develop rapidly enough to avert some of the disastrous scores of 1968. Last fall Tech yielded an incredible 263 points in 10 games, 81 points to modestly-talented teams at Duke and Navy. Thus, there must be a sharp improvement on defense as well as offense.

Carson isn't willing to say who will be his quarterback in the opener against Southern Methodist. It could be senior Jim Person, 206; junior Jack Williams, 177; soph Jack O'Neill, 190, or Dudish, the highly-publicized local glamor boy. The odds favor Dudish being at the wheel. As backs go, Tech's brightest new asset should be Cunningham, 168-pound sophomore who knows how to run. Some Tech optimists say he might be Tech's best runner since Leon Hardeman, star of 18 years ago. Cunningham's spring running put senior Gene Spiotta, 172, on the second team. Steve Harkey, 196, fullback, provides a bit of seasoning but he isn't too far ahead of soph Bobby Barr, 183.

The favored receivers will be Larry Studdard, 168, and Tommy Chapman, 181, flanker backs, and Chip Pallman, 198, and Percy Helmer, 170, split ends, but the latter must first make a first down or two in the classroom. Carson insists the offensive line will be better because of Vitunic, 216, and Mike Bradley, 230, guards. Bradley looked good in spring drills and Vitunic, a fine sophomore in 1967, will be outstanding if he can duck further misery with a balky knee. Both are far ahead of the reserve guards, Rick Evatt, 193, and Meade Sutterfield, 202. Galin Mumford, 240, and Allen Vezey,

223, will share left tackle. At right tackle Smitty Graham, 249, junior non-letterman has taken the job away from Sid Gunter, 232, who lettered a year ago. There is no experience at center. September action will determine the starter, Andy Mayton, 204, or John Callan, 218, both sophomores.

On defense, seven spots will apparently be manned by athletes who have never won a letter. However, Carson is not worried about one job, the left flank turned over to Braddock Bourne, nephew of All-America Vance Maree, 1928 Tech tackle. Bourne, 228, is currently rated as the school's best defensive lineman in a decade or so. Joe Hardwick, 195, is at right end. Sophs George Novak, 216, and Smylie Gebhart, 196, are solid end prospects, too.

Rick Perdoni, 232, and Paul Achey, 223, will man left tackle and Dick Gardner, 239, and Tim Broome, 197, are on the right side. The linebacking is green but promising—Stan Beavers, 197; Steve Timmons, 196; Steve Kramer, 191; and John Riggle, 196. They'll be pushed by Dave Polk, 191; Jack Brandt, 194; Tash Van Dora, 181; and Steve DeBardelaben, 182.

Mike Wysong, 156, junior, hung onto his deep defense job but sophs won the other two, Rick Lewis, 182, and Jeff Ford, 167. The backup men are lettermen Greg Wilkes, 166; Joe Bill Faith, 163; and soph Derrell Parker, 175. Seven of Tech's first 22 players are sophomores. The new men must come through sensational if Tech is to have a season better than 5-5-0.

SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI—P. W. Underwood (he says the initials don't stand for anything) has moved into the football job held for 20 years by Thaddeus (Pie) Vann.

Vann had an outstanding record despite a so-so 4-6-0 season in 1968. Underwood understands the problem. P. W. played for Coach Vann in the early 1950's and coached under him for several years before spending two years on the University of Tennessee staff.

P. W., now 37, faces his first college head coaching job with high hope and a squad that is composed of 32 lettermen, 17 of whom played defense a year ago. Underwood, who responds most readily to the name of "Bear," will need all of them plus a few talented sophomores.

Southern will miss quarterback Tom Boutwell, but the staff is quite excited over the running ability of Larry Moulton, 182, tailback and top rusher as a sophomore. Fullback Frank Johnston, 195, is the first down man and blocker and the top pass receivers are Wayne Hatcher, 186, flanker, and Billy Mikel, 202. Toby Vance, 194, is a top hand at tight end if knee surgery works. Quarterback Gary Rayburn, 172, spelled Boutwell for two years, but he may lose his job to Rick Donegan, 150, or Dan Palmer, 183, both sophomores. Bob Wattigny, 185, can help Moulton at tailback and Alan Isler, 208, is the No. 2 fullback. Arnold Thomas, 180, can play flanker or split end and so can Win Foshee, 180. At tight end Lionel Fayard, 190, will get the call if Vance's knee operation isn't successful.

Jimmy Haynes, 234, is the only soph among the



RAY HESTER, vet linebacker, is alert defender of Tulane's open air territory.



JIM YARTER (right) adds savvy to Green Wave defense as a senior safety.

front five blockers. Jerry Wright, 227, another new man, is pushing him at right tackle. Bob Shepherd, 237, senior, has a wide edge on soph Charley Hayden, 213, at left tackle. Dave Price, 209, and Clinton Tompkins, 213, are experienced guards, well-ahead of sophs Tom Brock, 200, and Barney Poole, 223. Two juniors, Joe Tuggle, 200, and Jim Stringer, 220, are wrestling for the pivot position.

Coach Underwood, fortunate enough to inherit battle-tested personnel on defense, has switched to the five-man line with roving linebacker. However it deploys, the defense will revolve around Rex Barnes, 6-2, 262, one of the best middle guards in the nation. Scott Chisholm, 243 is a solid No. 2 man, but doesn't get to play much. The two tackles are outstanding, too—Radell Key, 236, and Mike Craft, 218. Dave Jussely, 220, and Jerry Hinton, 222, are in reserve. Four lettermen are on tap at ends—Henry Quick, 222, and Keith McClammy, 218, on the left; Terry Griffin, 200, and Roger Elliott, 211, on the opposite flank.

Mike Letort, 179, and Doug Rouse, 174, are in a brisk duel for the new rover assignment. Seniors Mike Battles, 204, and Dan Fairchild, 200 are available for one linebacker spot. Two juniors, Dickey Surace, 196, and Darrell Landry, 199, are experienced for the other linebacking slot.

Donnie Caughman, 167, Steve Fore, 160, and safety Mike Harris, 186, have already proved themselves at the deep defense positions, but the subs are untested—Tom Davis, 176; Ronnie Gardner, 188; and Craig Logan, 168. It seems evident that the Southern defense should be solid, especially against a ground game, also that Southern's own rushing attack will be powerful. The aerial game depends on how the quarterback problem comes out.

TULANE—Coach Jim Pittman, starting his fourth year at Tulane, has high hopes.

He looks to speedy, ambitious sophomores and several junior college transfers to bring a marked improvement on the 2-8-0 record of 1968. Pittman has 30 lettermen on tap, but spring drills indicated that less than half of them can fight off the challenges of new men. It is entirely possible that no more than seven or eight regulars in 1968 will

start on the defensive and offensive platoons.

Wayne Francinges (pronounced Fra-sang down in Cajun country) was brilliant in a losing cause last fall—1,376 yards in total offense, 938 passing, 438 rushing. He's back but while he was playing baseball last spring Coach Pittman worked hard and long with Dave Abercrombie, a Mississippi Junior College star who looked sensational. Francinges came within 100 yards of setting a new Tulane record on offense, but he'll have to win the job back from Abercrombie.

Sophomores look promising at all three other backfield spots. Ronnie Corn, 187, is in a brisk battle with Jack LaBorde, 191, junior, for the tailback role. Bob Marshall, another soph at 190, is a mite ahead of senior Barney King, 182, at fullback, and two sophs, Steve Barrios, 180, and Mike Paulson, 183, are neck and neck at wingback. Sonny Pisarich, 187 and fast, skipped spring practice for baseball, too, but no one can take the star pass-catching role away from him. He caught 18 for 279 yards a year ago and figures to do better in 1969. He is well ahead of Roger Schramm, 181, as the split end.

Carl Richardson, 204, is the soph at blocking end who holds an edge on Sid Jones, 197-pound senior. Bart Graves, 227, and Al Delhomme, 222, are the offensive tackles, with Ed Gross, 205, and Steve Boyd, 215, close behind. Steve Thomas, 206, and Allen Wilkenfeld, 212, won the guard spots from veterans, Kyle Huber, 194, and Dennis McAfee, 200. Thomas is a sophomore, Wilkenfeld a junior college transfer from Texas. Soph James Thompson, 203, is battling Chip DeWitt, 212, a tackle in 1968, for the center assignment.

Defense was Tulane's big weakness as the Green Wave yielded 54 points to Houston, 35 to Texas Aggies, 63 to Virginia, 34 to LSU. Coach Pittman now has more speed on this platoon, more quickness and enough size. The unit lacks game experience but should improve. The defensive leader will be Jimmy Yarter, 187, a senior who's been a regular for two years. He shares the double safety role with Paul Ellis, 176, a sophomore of uncommon ability. Phil Greco, 186, and Maxie LeBlanc, 181, are well-equipped to relieve them from time to time.

The three top linebackers are Ray Hester, 201; Rick Kingrea, 227, and Joel Henderson, 187. Hester and Kingrea lettered a year ago. Henderson is a junior college import from nearby Mississippi. Bruce Grimes, 185; Sam Scelfo, 200, and Ed Smith, 183, can spell them in case of injury.

Four of the front five are sophomores. Mike Walker, 215, is a junior, the only letterman, and he is backed at tackle by Charles Browning, 215, senior. Bob Waldron, 222, and Ray Commander, 213, are two sophs still battling for the other tackle slot. Tom Edwards, 203, is the nimble, aggressive middle guard but he's only a step ahead of Harold Sisk, 194, who was a sub fullback last fall. Art Ledet, 202, and Joe Young, 203, will handle the flanks, backed by Bryan Duck, 194, and Joe Gendron, 194.

Ken Sanders, 169, will do the punting, and Bart Booktax, 195, will handle place-kicking, both holdovers from 1968.

CHATTANOOGA—In his first year as head coach Harold Wilkes led Chattanooga to a brilliant 9-1-0 season. His second season may not be quite as good but it will be historic as the first football season since University of Tennessee absorbed the institution. Oddly, the Moccasins will meet "big brother" Sept. 20, doubtless the last meeting between the two.

Chattanooga will have another fine team built around an explosive offensive and every foe must worry about the passing of quarterback Richard Manning and the running of Bucky Wolford and Bob Smith and the pass catching of Wolford, Rocky Turner and Harry Slyhoff. Taking over in midseason Manning hit 85 of 169 passes for 973 yards and ran well, too. Danny Parker, 170, sophomore, is next in line at quarterback. Wolford, 190-pound senior, amassed almost 1,300 yards running and pass catching. He's far ahead of Tommy Hall, 180-pound sophomore, and Smith, 180, has lots of experience at fullback on Dave Simcex, 170.

Slyhoff, 170, the flanker who caught 14 passes, is battling soph Mike Tindell, 195, for the No. 1 call to round out a powerful backfield. Turner, 185, is back at tight end after catching 18 passes as a freshman. Rick Bynum, 185, freshman, needs only battle action. Jimmy Floyd, 165, and Coker Mays, 170, will share split end.

Lettermen are available for all five interior line spots. George Albertson, 225, and Art Slaten, 200, are improving tackles. Non-lettermen Dave Elmore, 210, and Rick Crowley, 200, play behind them. Dave Atkins, 215, and Steve Manning, 200, are about even at left guard. Eddie Traylor, 215, is well ahead of Pete James, 195, on the other side. Forrest Wolfe, 215-pound center, is steady and dependable. Freshman Bobby Thomas, 190, needs action under fire.

Ten lettermen return on defense. The mainstays are linebacker Joe Cardwell, safety David Crow and end Phil Payne. Crow, 185, and Coker Mays, the No. 2 split end, are smart and experienced twin safeties. Parker, the second string quarterback, and Mike Paden, 170, could spell them. Cardwell, 210, is one of four seasoned linebackers. The other three are Buford Self, 210; Gehrig Giles, 180; and Jimmy Norrell, 170. If injury strikes Coach Wilkes can call on Floyd or Tindell from the offense or Danny Cooper, 195, or Jim Boggs, 180.

Payne, the rangy 195-pound left end, is one of the top defenders in the small college class. Dave Houser, 210, handles the other flank. Freshman Bynum and Steve Manning are green but willing reserves. Steve Cutchins, 215, won the left tackle spot, the only non-letterman. Henry Chandler, 210, plays right tackle. Crowley and Elmore, second team men on offense, are the tackle subs, too. Mike Puckett, 225, and Jack Murphy, 190, are in a stiff battle for middle guard. The Mocs may find 1969 a bit rockier than 1968 but this will be one of the better "small college" teams.

TAMPA—The Spartans' first year under young Fran Curci was a rousing success (7-3-0) and spring practice, climaxed by a squad game that drew 11,-

227 spectators, indicated Tampa will have a lightning offense and a fairly good defense.

The Tampa attack again will be built around quarterback Jim Del Gaizo, rangy 220-pounder who began his college career at Syracuse. He set four school records a year ago and figures to do even better in his senior year. If needed, Dick Frasca, 205, can run the team, too. Del Gaizo's top receivers will be Joe Sliker, 205, the split end who caught 61 passes, and Bobby Fernandez, the flanker back. Dave Milligan, 185, a transfer from Texas El Paso, is playing behind Sliker while John Bennedetto, 175 and swift, is No. 2 flanker. Leon McQuay, 197, and Don Denton, 225, provide the punch for the ground game. Bruce Brown, 190, plays behind McQuay at tailback, Larry Yoakum, 195, behind Denton at fullback.

Dick Nittenger, 250, is back at offensive tackle and John Mooring, 245, is well equipped to be almost as good at the other tackle. Fletcher Carr, 215, and Vasa Stolbrand, 220, provide adequate relief. Randy Bennett, 210, and Gary Meyers, 225, are competing for one guard spot. Barry Perez, 215, and Dick Critz, 215, will probably alternate at right guard. Jack Warren, 215, center, has a wide edge on Allen Robbins, 205.

Coach Curci and his staff worked overtime in the spring to develop a stouter defense. The entire secondary returns but the Spartans will miss Ron Brown, middle guard who won Little All-America honors. Ron Cox, 200, has a solid potential. Larry Grantham, 225, plays behind him.

Steve Starnes, 225, linebacker, provides vital leadership. Jess Wright, 200, is cast as the other linebacker. Jim Kilby, 230, and Dale McHugh, 190, lack game experience. The corner backs are dependable—Ed Johnson, 180, and Matt MacVane, 185. Pete Scaglione, 170, and Doug Henderson, 190, are available for spot duty. Curci likes his deep defenders, Rick Swales, 185, and Sam Reed, 170, twin safeties. As the season progresses they can expect help from Ed Caldwell, 160, and Ralph Tate, 185.

Middle guard Cox will get lots of help from the guards, Joe Kolinsky, 230, and Noam Soash, 235. Bob Brown, 235, and Jim Roberts, 235, provide the challenge every first teamer needs. Ron Boully, 210, is well ahead of John Kubler, 200, at left end and Willie Lee Jones, 235, has a small edge on Will Foster, 232, at right end.

SAMFORD—Coach John Lee Armstrong has 15 lettermen regulars back but the big vacancy is at quarterback.

Jimmy Lovette, the 1968 quarterback, led Samford to a 6-4-0 season and set 31 school records. Dan Gambrell, 167, a nifty sophomore who lettered two years ago as a freshman and sat out the 1968 campaign, is the best bet. He is a tricky runner and throws well. If he falters the important assignment could go to Dick Taylor, 170; freshman Jim Nipper, 175, or Waylan Trammell, 185.

Samford is hardly that well equipped at many other spots. At least six players will have to be ready to play both ways. Taylor, for instance, is

currently the No. 2 quarterback and the monster man linebacker. But Coach Armstrong expects to have a winning record again barring bad luck on injuries.

Quarterback Gambrell will have considerable help on offense. Mike Ray, the 190-pound fullback, gained 506 yards rushing last season. Mickey Agner, 178, is the No. 2 man. Mike Cobb, 180, and Mark Longnecker, 175, give Samford a strong 1-2 punch at tailback. Jim Hand, 175, and Paul Smith, 175, alternate at wingback. Smith caught 15 passes for 236 yards, trailing Larry Cox, the tight end, who got 22 passes for 287 yards. Cox, 190, is strong on blocking, too, which gives him an edge on Marvin Barton, 190.

Sam Chambliss, 175, and Bruce Hart, 176, will share the chores as flanked end. Tackles belong to Charles Anderson, 190, and James Ridgeway, 192. Behind them are Dennis Eaves, 205, and Tony Allen, 210. Tom DeFreez, 189, and John Melof, 190, are about even at guard on one side. Corky George, 190, is ahead of Bill Chandler, 175, at the other guard. Craig Singleton, 195, and Sonny Smart are 1-2 at center.

Eaves and Barton double up as 1-2 performers at left end on defense. Lettermen Bob Carswell, 189, and pass-catcher Cox share the other flank. Tom Stout, 225 and biggest man among the regulars, and Truett Chambers, 200, are the tackles with Chambers a genuine standout on the right side. Allen, also a reserve on offense, and Charles Anderson, 190, are backup men. The middle guard is Tim Denham, 178, a three-year letterman, with Steve Brown, 195, waiting for a chance.

Jeff Masters, 190, and Dick Landrith, 185, have won the linebacking roles with the aforementioned Taylor as the rover. Arthur Conway, 180; Dale Bowen, 190, and Danny Martin, 185, lack linebacking experience but looked good in the spring. The exacting sideback roles fall to Phil Holmes, 184, and Paul Smith, 170, the sometime wingback, with Longnecker at safety. Longnecker is especially dangerous on punt returns. He had punt returns of 90 and 92 yards last fall. Ron Rentz, 163, Bruce Hart, 176, and quarterback Gambrell are available for secondary duty if needed.

OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE

WESTERN KENTUCKY—On paper, the Hilltoppers figures to be a bona fide title contender but—as head coach Jimmy Feix found out in 1968—having the horses on paper and winning the league title can be two entirely different accomplishments. Last year, after being struck by key injuries (primarily to fullback Dickie Moore, the nation's leading college division ground-gainer in 1967), they lost just two games and wound up in a tie for second place.

With Moore gone, Feix is changing his offense, leaning more heavily toward the 'I' formation and throwing more burden on tailback Ike Brown, who rushed for 561 yards, and quarterback Johnny Vance, who passed for 1,147 yards and 10 TDs.

Even though Western Kentucky lost two fine

linebackers, the defense has enough experience to be tough again, barring injuries. Feix is toying with the idea of moving All-Conference defensive end Lawrence Brame (65 tackles, 28 assists) to linebacker to help take up the slack. Brame will have help up front from 235-pound Romeo Crennel, one of the steadiest tackles (48-29) in the league, and an experienced defensive secondary led by Johnny Jaggers, Bill Green, Mike Phelps and Sam Pearson. Also back is one of last year's fine linebackers, hard-hitting Bill Hape. These boys were on the 1968 defensive unit that led the OVC in yardage yielded, giving up only 206.7 yards per game.

Offensively, Jay Davis (33 for 612 yards, 6 TDs) and Bubba Simonton give Vance two speedy and experienced receivers.

Up front, the offensive line returns almost intact. Particularly outstanding are two sophomores, tackle John Brizendine and center Bill Sykes.

MURRAY STATE—Although 26 lettermen return, 14 of whom were starters on last year's 7-2 team, the Racer coaches still have some important holes left by graduation.

The biggest, of course, is that left by quarterback Larry Tillman, who passed for more than 2,000 yards each of the last two seasons. Tillman was Ohio Valley Conference's Player of the Year last season.

Returning are six offensive starters, split end Billy Hess, who scored 13 touchdowns; (994 yards rushing); tackles Lee Harrell and George Rice, guard Ken Pelot, and tight end Jack Wolf. Starters back on defense include backs Lennie Jezik, Bud Qualk, and Danny Maxberry; linebackers Jimmy Harrell; E. W. Dennison, and Sam Tandy; and tackles Larry White and Walt Anderson. Hess and Rice were first-team, All-OVC last season.

Several other key players are back, namely, defensive tackles Jim Wilson and Dave Ford, defensive end Mike Dungan, punter Chuck Cantrell, kicking specialist Stan Watts, tailback Jonathan White, quarterback Matt Haug, flanker Phillip Hunt, tailback Jim Brown, center Mike Lucas, linebacker Steve Cain, and guard-tackle Donnie Williams.

Coach Bill Furgerson expects the Racer defense to be improved and if a few young players come through on offense, especially quarterback Matt Haug, the offense should be adequate.

EASTERN KENTUCKY—hopes of a third straight Ohio Valley Conference title rests, in large measure, upon the shoulders of Bill March and a group of young but talented interior linemen. March inherits the quarterback slot vacated by Jim Guice, the Colonels' Mr. Everything who signed recently with the Cleveland Browns. March hit 26 of 49 passes for 464 yards as back-up man last season.

The problem in the line stems from a heavy loss by graduation.

A bevy of outstanding receivers led by Don Buchler (35 for 509 yards, 6 TDs) and Chuck Walroth (30 for 408 yards and 5 TDs), return to provide March with excellent targets.

And then there's Jimmy Brooks. The 6-0, 185-pounder was the leading freshman rusher in the country last season among college division teams. He netted 1,013 yards, becoming the school's first and the OVC's second freshman to gain over 1,000 in a single season.

On defense, it's Teddy Taylor leading the way at middle guard (62 tackles, 66 assists).

EAST TENNESSEE—Coach John Robert Bell won't come right out and admit it, but East Tennessee should be an OVC sleeper. Only four players were lost through graduation from a team that finished fourth.

The return of quarterback Larry Graham, tight end Ron Causey and tailback Mike Young give Bell a versatile attack. Leading the way will be All-OVC center John Walton.

On defense, Frank Patterson returns for his fourth year as a starter. Linebacker Doug Linebarger and defensive backs Bill Causey and Al Guy give Bell every reason for optimism.

TENNESSEE TECH—Last year the Eagles inherited a new coach, Don Wade, and a new system. The Eagles have only a 2-8 record to improve upon and all signs indicate that they will do it. Twenty seven lettermen return, including the entire backfield. Junior college transfers and freshmen bolster the squad.

Tech's backfield returns intact. David Fair, sophomore quarterback injured in the opening game last year has recovered; Jim Waddell, starting flanker until quarterback injuries forced him to call the signals, also is back. Dale Woodward, junior fullback has also recovered from an ankle sprain. But Tech's ace-in-the-hole, durable tailback Larry Schreiber, is the key to the backfield. He makes it go. He was leading rusher in the OVC last year with 1,251 yards in 286 carries.

Tech's running game will get more yardage out of two newcomers Woody Webb, and Roger Hill.

The Eagles' passing attack figures to improve with the addition of VMI transfer Russ Quay, 6-0 200-pounder with a strong arm.

John Matlock, 6-1 200-pound sophomore could earn All-conference honors at defensive end. Bill Perkins, 190, and Craig Basile, 200, provide a potent 1-2 linebacker punch.

AUSTIN PEAY—With the top three performers in 10 statistical categories returning, football at Austin Peay State University could reach its highest level ever.

Heading the list of returnees is junior end Harold (Red) Roberts, who holds every pass receiving record but one at the university. Last season Roberts led in pass receiving (63), yards by pass receiving (990), TD passes (8) and scoring (52 points).

Quarterback Dennis Dyer, who broke or tied 14 records last fall, returns for his senior year. He led APSU in passing (99 of 204 for 1,354 yards and 13 TD's) and in total offense (1,361 yards in 303 attempts). The leading rusher, tailback Ronnie

Simpson also returns. He gained 655 yards for an average of 5.0 per carry.

Another returnee is Jimmy Hardie, who led the team in punting (72 punts for 38.1 average) and in pass interceptions (4).

Defensively, the top three individuals in tackles and assists will return. Sophomores Donny Holland (69-58), Bill Blair (61-63) and David Phillips (58-45) all return. Weaknesses which the coaching staff must overcome are at defensive end and defensive secondary.

MOREHEAD—Youth again plagues coach Jake Hallum as the Eagles have only three seniors on the squad. One, however, is 6-3½, 240-pound defensive tackle Dave Haverdick, an All-OVC choice for two seasons. Joining him is sophomore linebacker Harry Lisles, a vicious hitter who should be a top contender for All-Conference honors.

On offense, it will be 200-pound tailback Louis Rogan, who established an OVC record last season with 1,125 yards on the ground, and veteran quarterback Bill Marston.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE—Don Fuoss, former assistant at Purdue, replaces veteran coach Charles (Bubba) Murphy and is busy molding a new face for the Blue Raiders. Fuoss, who brought two of his former Purdue players (Jim Finley and George Catarolos) with him as assistants, is expected to center a solid running game around fullback Gary Wright (5-11, 200 pounds) and Gene Carney, a 180-pound tailback.

The new staff also made a few personnel changes in the spring, moving last year's leading ground-gainer, Taylor Edwards, to the defensive secondary.

Quarterback Dickie Thomas, who gained 1,564 yards passing, is being pushed by Bill Griffith.

But the real key will be in the defensive line, a sore spot last year, which must improve if Fuoss is to have a successful maiden voyage.

GULF STATES CONFERENCE

LOUISIANA TECH—A rifle-armed, 6-3, 215-pound quarterback Terry Bradshaw makes Louisiana Tech favorite for the Gulf States title. The awesome throwing machine established 25 new conference records by individual and team and added 23 new marks for individuals, team and career. Bradshaw, considered a top pro quarterback prospect, has a career total of 4,180 yards, rushing and passing. Last year he hurled 22 touchdown aerials.

The sterling signal-caller climaxed a great year when he led the Bulldogs to a victory over Akron in the Grantland Rice Bowl, a game played in a near-blizzard. The Tech quarterback was named to the All-America team by the Football Coaches Association and selected as the GSC's Most Valuable Back.

Bradshaw has two of his favorite receivers back—split end Tommy Spinks and tight end Larry Brewer. Spinks has caught 136 passes for 1,968 yards since enrolling at Tech. Brewer, a 6-3, 240-



GLENN LAFLEUR, outstanding linebacker at S. W. Louisiana is returning.



TERRY BRADSHAW set 25 Gulf States marks as quarterback at Louisiana Tech.

pounder, has hauled in 44 passes for 434 yards, an incredible effort for a tight end.

Coach Maxie Lambright will have a more solid running game to complement Bradshaw's passing. Veterans Buster Herren and Bubba Sanchez are running backs and several bright newcomers lend depth.

A track sprinter Ronnie Albright probably will take over at flanker.

Tech's big problem is replacing the interior offensive line. The bright spot here is sophomore Dave Horne, a 6-0, 240-pound guard. Junior Lynn Pierce and Tommy Lanius are standouts on defense.

SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA—The Ragin' Cajuns, defending champions, are generally rated the only GSC eleven with a chance to halt Louisiana Tech. Coach Russ Faulkinberry has 35 lettermen, including 17 regulars, seven on offense and 10 on defense.

Heading up the host of returnees is Glenn Lafleur, (6-0, 185) a Little All-America linebacker and one of the best in GSC history. Four other All-GSC performers return. They are senior tailback Jim Barton (5-10, 188), junior tackle Larry Sikes, (6-0, 195), sophomore defensive safety Mike McDonald (5-9, 165) and junior kicking specialist, Roy Pendergraft, who doubles as a split end.

Barton led Cajun rushers with 600 yards and a 4.3 average in 140 carries. He topped the GSC in scoring with 13 touchdowns for 78 points.

Although just a freshman last year McDonald made eight interceptions to lead the GSC and returned 14 punts for 130 yards and raced back 17 kickoffs for 451 yards, including a 100-yard jaunt.

Pendergraft's toe accounted for 43 points last fall, booting 25 of 26 extra points and six field goals, plus a 39.7 punting average.

Expecting to play key offensive roles are senior tight end Baron Babineaux (6-2, 196), senior guard

Gerald Dugas (5-10, 195), senior tailback Jim Kemp (5-11, 188) and junior Ronald English (5-10, 175) at fullback.

Defensive standouts are senior cornerback Dickey Dart (6-1, 195) who will captain the defensive unit again, junior halfback David Rogers (6-0, 170), and junior tackle Jim Hunter (5-11, 192).

NORTHEASTERN STATE—After leading the GSC for two years in a row in defense the Northeast State Indians must completely rebuild their forward defenses. Coach Dixie White lost all of last year's fearsome front five.

The only bright side of the defensive picture is the return of the linebacking and defensive secondary corps. Nicky Pere, 205, returns at linebacker along with Butch Shuman, 215, another linebacker. Also back are cornerbacks Ronnie Leblanc, 165, and All-GSC Ronnie Boudreaux, a cornerback. Safeties Wayne Matherne, 175, and Jimmy Leonard, 167, also return.

Northeast's top offensive weapon is Joe (The Jet) Profit, a powerful 195-pound halfback who runs the 100 in 9.6 with the track squad. He raced for a net 884 yards, a school record.

Coach White's chief offensive problem is finding a quarterback. Top prospect is tall junior Mike Audirsch, who was a backup man last fall. Behind Audirsch is Bubbie Dupont, 155, and red shirt Rudy Hargis, 170.

Behind Profit are a pair of good fullbacks in Carl Pitre, 215, and Van Lambert, 185, along with veteran halfbacks, Carroll Hoover, 200, and Woody Cagnolatti, 170.

Top receiver is split end Al Miller, 181, an All-GSC end for two years. He grabbed 66 passes.

Leading the offensive line is All-GSC Rodger Bowman, 220, a capable tackle. Other top linemen are sophomore Garry McEntyre, 220, tight end; sophomore Ronnie Anderson, 211, guard; tackle Ross Davis, 209; guard Jimmy Aarons, 194; and center Steve Gilchrist, 213, moving to tackle.

McNEESE STATE—Last place McNeese State College hopes to climb up the ladder in 1969 and coach Jim Clark is sure his returning 34 lettermen will give him depth and experience to do the job.

A half-dozen All-GSC gridders return to form the core for a contending eleven. Offensive guard Glen Kidder, fullback Carol Breaux, defensive end Richard Vidrine, offensive tackle Nick Hebert, defensive Jim Fleming, and defensive guard Bob Fuhrer are All-GSC returnees.

Kidder, probably the most versatile grider in the GSC, has played three positions in three years. As a freshman he was a starting slotback, as a sophomore a starting tight end and as a junior an All-GSC guard.

Fullback Breaux, a starter for the past three years, netted 488 yards and led the rushers.

Coach Clark has one of the smallest defensive linemen in college football but one of the best in 155-pound Richard Vidrine. Vidrine was an All-GSC selection last year and the little hustler is headed for more honors this season. Vidrine led

the Cowboys in individual tackles last year with 51.

Senior Ricky Miller is the top Cowboy passer. William Keigley and Larry Grissom are talented tailbacks and Gene Nicko is a veteran at slotback.

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA—The Lions rode on the pitching arm of Dan Brewer for two years but with the talented quarterback gone coach Pat Kenelly is expected to put more emphasis on running.

Kenelly has 28 lettermen returning—13 on offense and 15 on defense.

Heading up the Lions' running game is Ted Glaser, who didn't break into the lineup until midway the 1968 season but came on fast and led the Lions in rushing.

Another excellent runner is fullback Mac Faul, an All-GSC in 1967 and an outstanding blocker.

Leading the defensive crew are linebacker Ronnie Hornsby (6-3, 225) and defensive tackle Bobby Vicknair, an All-GSC pick. Hornsby, All-GSC last fall, is a gem on defense, a crushing tackler with fine speed to cover the flanks and defend against passes. Vicknair is tough against the running game.

Coach Kenelly, who was looking for a replacement for Brewer, figures he's found him in Clell Rosetti, who sparked the Lions to two late season victories.

Another problem is finding receivers.

On offense the Lions have capable tight ends in Ralph Daigle, Phil Durocher and Duke Tunnard.

Standout offensive linemen are tackles Albert Porche and Joe Caccioppi, guard Jimmy Newell, and center Joe Jordan.

Dick Covington and Leslie Hymel lead the returning defensive backs.

NORTHWESTERN STATE—Lack of an experienced signal-caller will hamper the Demons but coach Glenn Gossett is in good shape at most other positions. He has 30 lettermen returning.

He has four quarterback prospects in Mike Pool, John McClendon, Tommy Wallis and Chris Caramonta. Pool saw limited action last fall, tossing seven passes and hitting on three. On the bright side, Gossett has the rest of his starting backfield back.

All-GSC Vic Nyvall, who spent half of the 1968 season on the bench with injuries, is back after a shoulder operation. Halfback Tony Papa and fullback Richard Ware round out the experienced backfield.

Up front a bright prospect is split end, Al Phillips, an All-GSC selection. Phillips led the Demons in pass receiving 35 for 642 yards and 10 TDs.

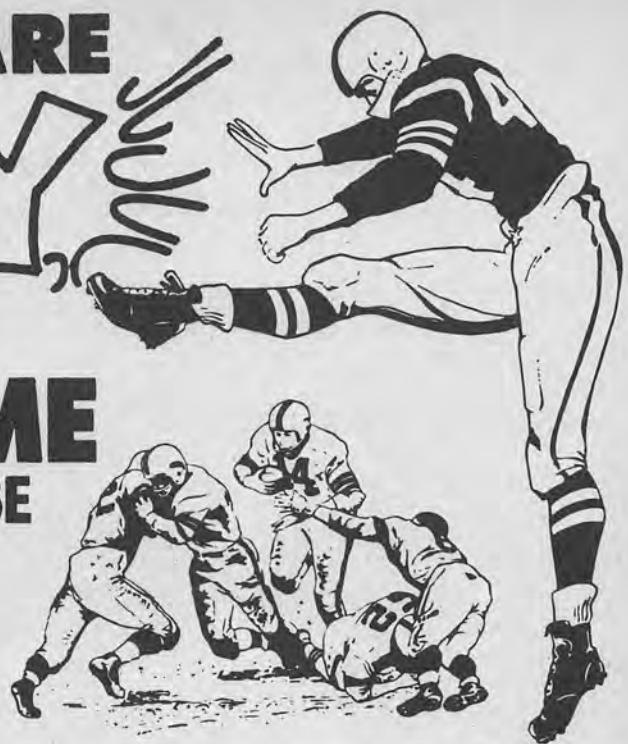
Steve Gaspard returns for his senior season at tight end. He caught 24 passes last fall for 365 yards and three scores.

Kenny Krapmann, all-GSC defensive back, heads up the returning defensive standouts. Linebackers Larry Gaudet and Lester Latino will be back along with ends Randy Tate and Mace Morris, tackle Walter Eiler, and defensive backs Kenny Callens and John Boogaerts.

Tackle Mike Burrow and guard Bob McAllen are standout middle linemen.

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A talented young writer for the *Los Angeles Times*, Dwight Chapin casts an expert eye on the football outlook in various Far West conferences; 10 independents.

West Coast

THERE'S A STRONG SUSPICION TROJANS WILL SHATTER ROSE BOWL BID MARK

PREDICTIONS

Pacific Eight

1. Southern California	5. Oregon State
2. UCLA	6. Washington
3. Stanford	7. Oregon
4. California	8. Washington State

Pacific Coast AA

1. San Diego State	5. Fresno State
2. Cal. St. (Long Beach)	6. Santa Barbara
3. Pacific U. of	7. Cal. St. (Los Angeles)
4. San Jose State	

Independents

1. Hawaii	6. La Verne
2. Calif. Lutheran	7. Calif. Western
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5. Nevada (Las Vegas)	10. San Francisco U.

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1. Cal Poly (Obispo)	3. Riverside
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Far Western

1. Humboldt State	4. Cal. St. (Hayward)
2. Sacramento State	5. Chico State
3. U. Cal (Davis)	6. San Francisco State

Southern California

1. Whittier	4. Occidental
2. Redlands	5. Pomona
3. Claremont—Mudd	6. California Tech

John McKay, a man who is as well known for his wit as for his wins, took a look at his 1969 USC Trojans not long ago and announced:

"What we have here are a bunch of suspects."

The same, in varying degrees, is true of every other team in the Pacific Eight. But the big difference—as usual—appears to be that USC has more suspects that are likely to turn into proven football players before the conference season begins.

The Trojans lost their entire starting backfield, including the stars—Heisman Trophy winner O. J. Simpson and quarterback Steve Sogge. But McKay has players of immense potential standing two or three deep awaiting a chance.

And what's even more important, his defense looks full of fire this season, perhaps even better than in USC's last national championship year, 1967.

The challenge is imposing, however, because

Southern California is trying to do something no Pacific Eight team has ever done—win a fourth straight trip to the Rose Bowl.

The chief contention figures to come from the other California teams.

UCLA was only 3-7 a year ago but injuries muzzled the Bruins most of the way. The other main problem for Tommy Prothro's club was lack of a consistent quarterback, but Prothro hopes to have solved that with transfer Dennis Dummit or returnees Billy Bolden and Jim Nader.

Nearly every team in the league has uncertainty at quarterback, except Stanford and California, both of which could make strong bids for the championship and the roses.

Stanford's Jim Plunkett was among the nation's leaders as a sophomore and if he can repeat the performance without favorite receiver Gene Washington, the Indians should be potent.

Randy Humphies is back to lead a California team that won mostly on defense last season—and should again, despite the loss of six key regulars.

Oregon State is harder to handicap. Dee Andros' Beavers lost most of the muscle off a fine senior-dominated team but a large group of redshirts could move in and surprise the league.

It appears unlikely that Washington can survive a murderous early schedule and be fully ready for the conference but Jim Owens' teams always are superlative on defense, and this one should be no exception. The Huskies have one of the most exciting players in the conference, too, in skittery back Harvey Blanks.

Oregon has made rapid, noticeable improvements under Jerry Frei and should have its most talented team in many years but the Ducks still may not have enough to compete with the giants of a conference rated among the best in the country.

The same is true at Washington State, where Jim Sweeney brought a new attitude and spirit when he took over last season. The Cougars' defense is sound, however, and the team will be better, even if the record isn't.

There has been considerable shuffling among the other West Coast teams and a strong, new conference—the Pacific Coast Athletic Association—has been born.

San Diego State's Aztecs, who operated independently last season, have to rate a wide edge in the PCAA's maiden season. The Aztecs have been the top small college team in the nation the last three years.

California State (Long Beach), however, is

quickly constructing an impressive football program under Jim Stangeland and might challenge in his first year as coach of the Forty-Niners. Two of the area's best former independents—University of the Pacific and San Jose State—also are in the title picture.

Humboldt State, California Poly (San Luis Obispo) and Whittier appear the best teams in the other conferences, while Hawaii and California Lutheran look like the top squads among a smaller group of independents.

PACIFIC EIGHT

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA—The flashing feet of O. J. Simpson and the cool head of Steve Sogge are gone but it's probable that John McKay's USC Trojans will bid for national honors a new way this season—on defense.

"This defensive team," McKay says, "will have as much or more ability than the one we had when we won the national championship in 1967."

The Trojans lost just two men—linebacker Jim Snow and All-America safetyman Mike Battle—from their first 11 defenders. Returning starters are Jimmy Gunn (210), an All-America candidate, and Jim Grissum (242) at ends; Tony Terry (240) and Al Cowlings (245) at tackles; Bubba Scott (245) at middle guard; Bob Jensen (215) at linebacker; Gerry Shaw at rover; and John Young and Sandy Durko at defensive backs.

There is awesome new talent, too, notably tackle Tody Smith (6-5, 265), who happens to be the brother of Bubba Smith. Tody's a transfer from Michigan State. Then there are big, quick sophomore linebackers Cliff Culbreath (235) and John Papadakis (235); swift end Charlie Weaver (4.5 in the 40-yard dash) and red-shirt defensive back Howard Pratt, another speedster.

The major Trojan questions are on offense, where the entire starting backfield—including the two superstars, Simpson and Sogge—must be replaced.

Sophomore Jimmy Jones (6-1, 190), a former prep All-America in Pennsylvania, and 6-4, 210 se-

nior Mike Holmgren (if he's recovered from knee surgery) will battle for the quarterback spot.

Simpson's tailback position probably will be filled by one of a pair of transfers, Clarence Davis (194) or Lou Harris, or by one of three holdovers, junior Mike Berry and redshirts Bill Holland and Ron Pharris.

Senior Humphrey Covington (190) and touted transfer Charlie Evans (218) will vie for the departed Dan Scott's fullback spot.

USC again has a world of speed and talent in its receivers, who include starters Sam Dicker-son and Bob Chandler, and top reserves Terry DeKraai and Gary Orcutt. Converted tackles Gerry Mullins (220) and Marv Mont-gomery (245) will draw the tough assignment of replacing a top pro draft selection, Bob Klein, and Bob Miller at tight end.

Two outstanding, veteran guards, seniors Steve Lehmer and Fred Khasigian, return, as does big tackle Sid Smith (270). Sophomore John Vella (240) is the frontrunner for the other tackle spot and three men, Rich Ober-reuter (235), converted middle guard Bill Redding and sophomore Dave Brown, are battling at center.

The Trojans' schedule—which always includes Notre Dame—is again a tough one. USC must play Nebraska, Georgia Tech and Northwestern in other non-conference games.

McKay probably will abandon the offense that sent Simpson off tackle and guard time after time last season and return to the quarterback-fullback attack that Pete Beathard and Ben Wilson made work so well in earlier years.

McKay believes there will be "much more room for error" in this style, but it doesn't figure that the Trojans will be making many errors. They look very deep, and very powerful, again, even without the magic of Orenthal James Simpson.

UCLA—Tommy Prothro, the big man who leads the UCLA Bru-ins, is searching for a quarterback again but that doesn't dim his

optimism after a disappointing, 3-7 season.

"It's probably unreasonable to expect that we'll do real well," he said, "but I'm an unreasonable man."

He is reasonable enough to know, however, that he has real talent again and if the Bruins can stay away from the injuries that deviled them throughout last season, they should return again to championship contending status.

Much depends on the quarterback, who will be drawn from one of five candidates—lettermen Billy Bolden and Jim Nader, sophomore Scott Henderson and transfers Dennis Dummit and Ed Moore. Dummit, a junior college All-America at Long Beach City College, is probably the best passer of the quintet and may emerge as the starter.

Over-all, Prothro will have 33 lettermen at his command and many of them are good ones.

On offense, Mike Garratt, a small (192) but effective tight end, returns, as does the remainder of the interior line—tackles Gordon Bosselman and Steve Freitas; guards Dennis Alumbaugh and Ron Treter, and center Greg McLandrich. Gwen Cooper (196) is the top split end candidate.

Prothro will employ a "triple option" offense to get both of his star running backs—Greg Jones, the team's leading rusher the last two seasons, and speedy Mickey Cureton—into the same backfield. Jones will play at tailback, Cureton at fullback. George Farmer, who can catch and run with the ball, will be the other back.

Linebacker Mike (Cat) Ballou (230), who may be the country's best at his position, heads the defense. He'll be joined at linebacker by Don Widmer (216) and Bob Bartlett or Vince Bischof.

The front four is led by a standout tackle, 219-pound senior Floyd Reese, an All-America candidate. One of two sophomores, Earl Peterson or Mike Pavich, should be opposite Reese with veteran Wesley Grant (216) and converted tackle Bob Geddes (219) at ends.

There is talent but less certainty in the defensive backfield,

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where starters Dennis Spurling, Doug Huff and Danny Graham return but All-Coast Mark Gustafson does not. Ron Carver, a small, quick sophomore, may be the fourth man.

Also back is kicker Zenon Andrusyshyn, who has a strong toe on both punts and placements. His field goals fell off last season from 11 to just two, however, and the question is whether his touch will return.

The Bruins' early schedule appears to be favorable, other than the opener with Oregon State, and if they can manage the first five games, they might well manage most of the rest.

STANFORD — The Indians, says coach John Ralston, are "guardedly optimistic" about the 1969 season. Which means that if new men in the offensive and defensive lines perform up to expectations, Stanford should make a strong run for the Pacific-8 championship and the Rose Bowl.

Ralston's team wasn't far away a year ago, losing to USC and UCLA by only three points each. The defensive line, the offensive guards and fullbacks all have been graduated but Stanford has one thing that no other team in the conference has—a bona-fide star at quarterback.

He's Jim Plunkett, a 6-3, 205-

pound junior who has the size, poise and passing ability to be the finest quarterback in the school's history. He broke both school and Pacific-8 records for yards gained passing in a season in his rookie year, 2,156, and finished in the nation's top 10 in both total offense and passing offense . . . despite playing half the season with a torn knee cartilage.

An excellent target, Gene Washington, is gone, but split end Jack Lasater (14 catches in five games) and tight end Bob Moore (28 catches) both return. Speedy Demea Washington may replace Gene Washington and Jim Cross is back after an injury.

Bubba Brown, a breakaway back, and Howie Williams, the No. 1 and 2 rushers, provide a strong outside-inside punch and touted sophomores Hillary Shockley and Jackie Brown from the frosh team will provide depth.

All-America tackle Malcolm Snider is gone but a fine center, John Sande (225) returns, along with 1968 starting guards Bob Reinhard and Dan Lightfoot and tackle Pete Seymour. Tom Giallonardo also is due back after an injury and will help line depth.

The major question is defense against the run. Stars such as George Buehler will be very tough to replace.

The linebacking corps—led by Don Parish (210), who topped the team with 143 tackles—may be the strongest on the Coast. Pat Preston is nearly as good as Parish. The chief hopes in the line are junior Dennis Moore (205), now operating at defensive end; middle guard Jody Graves (215) and three relatively inexperienced juniors—Bill Alexander, Larry Butler and Wade Killifer. A pair of junior college transfers, one of them 6-6, 220-pound Dave Tipton, could also be valuable.

Three defensive backs from a rugged unit, Dick Oliver, Jim Kauffman and Rich Keller, return and should be joined by veteran Brian Porter or converted linebacker Mike Carrigan. Oliver (6-3, 197) led a corps that permitted opponents to complete only 98 of 241 passes. The kicking game may be left up to Steve Horowitz, who was inconsistent.

Ralston lost 24 seniors but has



JIM PLUNKETT, Stanford quarterback, passes over San Jose State rushers.



KIRBY AUGUSTINE, California's "unsung hero" is star defensive end.

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Ray Willsey has brought a tough defense to the Berkeley school and a winning habit but the question is whether he can replace a handful of truly outstanding departed stars, including All-America defensive guard Ed White, Mike McCaffrey, Wayne Stewart, John McGaffie, Dennis Pitta and Paul Williams.

There are only six holes to fill but they include fullback, both wide receiver spots and three key defensive posts. Enough, perhaps, for worry.

Randy Humphries (6-3, 210) suffers by comparison with Bay Area rival Jim Plunkett of Stanford but is capable and the only other really proven quarterback in the conference. He will probably be throwing to tight end Jim Calkins (215), and wingback John Fay, who were injured last season and split end Bruce Burrows, who backed Stewart, or sophomore Kenny Adams.

The running backs are veterans—tailback Bob Darby (185), who gained 386 yards last year, and Gary Fowler (195), who gained 665 yards. Fowler played ahead of Darby as a tailback last



BILLY MAIN, Beaver wingback, had nine touchdowns and 5.1 avg. in 1968.

season but probably will be shifted to fullback to replace McGaffie.

Other candidates are transfer Stan Murphy, sprinter Jim Smith and Steve Mack, leading frosh runner with a 4.9-per-carry average.

The offensive line has lettermen at every position, including tackles Bob Richards (250) and Mike Meers (235), guard Gerry Borgia (210) and center Bill Laveroni (215). A junior college transfer, Greg Hendren (230), may move in at the other guard.

Cal's best two players probably are on defense. All-America hopeful Irby Augustine (210) is being shifted from defensive end to linebacker where the Bears can take better advantage of his quickness, strength and agility. Senior Ken Wiedemann (180) will direct the defensive backfield, which also includes Jim Sheridan (190) and Jerome Carter (180). Wiedemann has twice been All-Coast.

Phil Croyle (215) should team with Augustine at linebacker. Up front it figures to be Denny Acree (210) and Steve Reece (208) at ends; Mark Hultgren (230) and Dave Seppi (220) at tackles and O. Z. White (235) and Steve Schulz (215) at guards. White, a sophomore from Houston, gets the unenviable assignment of replacing the mighty Ed White.

Punting should be capably handled by Fowler; soccer-style kick-

er Randy Wersching may replace talented placement man Ron Miller.

Cal's schedule is tougher but Willsey says, "We've got more good football players to choose from than any time since I've been here." The problem may be in selection, the answer in whether Willsey can again construct a defense that not only kept the goal line inviolate much of the time in 1968, but created countless opportunities for the offense.

OREGON STATE—Coach Dee Andros' Beavers have made strong runs at the Pacific-8 title the last two seasons. A repeat this season looms as a highly difficult task but Andros has a reputation of turning out winning teams. He's never had a losing season, in fact, at Oregon State.

The Beavers' losses may be more considerable than any other team in the Pacific 8. Gone are such standouts as fullback Bill Enyart, quarterback Steve Preece, center John Didion, middle guard Jon Sandstrom and tackle Ron Boley.

But there will be 27 lettermen returning, including seven regulars. The best likely is senior wingback Billy Main, an All-America candidate who also may be the finest back on the Pacific Coast. Main ran for 634 yards and a 5.1 average last season, scored 14 touchdowns and caught 14 passes for 230 yards.

Oregon State has at least three other all-star candidates—tackle Jess Lewis, a 236-pounder who sat out last season to represent the United States as an Olympic wrestler; 260-pound defensive tackle Bill Nelson and defensive halfback Don Whitney.

Gary Barton, Preece's understudy; redshirt Tom Oswald and sophomore Steve Endicott are bidding for the quarterback role. Dave Schilling, 220-pound redshirt, should replace Enyart capably with letterman Larry Watson the leader at halfback.

The offensive line will suffer from lack of experience. Regular Kent Scott (245) is back at one tackle and lettermen Doug Wells, John Davis, Joe Mihelich and Mike White also return in the interior line. There are two experi-

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DANE SMITH, 235-pound linebacker, back at Oregon after knee operation.

enced receivers in split end Jim Scheele and tight end Bill Plumeau but neither was a starter. Three redshirts—tight end Dan Zellick; tackle Chris Haag and guard Jan Baish—may help the front line.

Defensively, there's a much more solid look, thanks to returning starters Nelson, Lewis, Whitney, linebackers Wally Johnson (208) and Mike Groff (205) and defensive back Larry Rich.

Lettermen Rich LaSalle and Steve Shaw are the leading contenders at defensive end, along with Jim Sherbert and Clark Hoss. Four lettermen will vie for the spot opposite Lewis at a tackle and Mel Easley, Rich Harr and Rick Harrington are the leaders to fill the remaining positions in the defensive backfield.

Andros has a lot of unanswered questions going into a tough opener in Los Angeles against UCLA. But he also has some undeniable strengths—as well as 17 redshirts held out of action because the Beavers were so tough a year ago.

WASHINGTON—Jim Owens' heart has to beat a trifle faster when he picks up his Huskies' 1969 schedule. The names are jolting . . . Ohio State, USC, Michigan, Michigan State, UCLA, Stanford. What's worse, the three Big 10 foes must be played at the start of the season and it's ponderable what kind of shape the Huskies will be in for conference play.



TOM BLANCHARD, triple-threat QB, also returns to Ducks after surgery.

Owens brought pro quarterback Babe Parilli in to work with his signal callers in the spring and hopes to get improved play out of Gene Willis (6-0, 195), who started the team's closing games; sophomore Steve Hanzlik (6-3, 190) and 1968 reserve Cary Mobley (5-11, 200). Still quarterback is a chief Washington worry, as it has been for several seasons. The team just hasn't moved well through the air.

It should go on the ground this season, however, with All-America candidate Harvey Blanks (5-7, 185) and Bo Cornell (6-1, 200), the starting fullback most of last year. Transfer Joe Bell (6-0, 205) probably will open at the other running back position. He averaged seven yards per carry at O. J. Simpson's alma mater, San Francisco City College. Blanks has been switched from flanker to halfback, where his 9.6 speed and dexterity can be better utilized. He netted 509 yards on 99 carries last year.

There is beef up front in tackles Ernie Janet (230), Augie Rios (238) and Ken Ballenger (224), guards Tom Nelson (247), Rick Keely (265), Mike Wilds (255) and Lane Ronnebaum (242) and center Bruce Jarvis (240).

Redshirt Jeff LaMaine and transfer Ralph Bayard, also from San Francisco CC, will battle for the split end spot. Ace Bulger (221) should start at tight end.

Defensively, the place Wash-

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ington usually wins its games, the Huskies appear rugged again. Along the line will be ends Lee Brock (252) and Mark Hannah (223), tackles Rick Sharp (240) and Jim Harris (215). Ken Lee (215) and Clyde Werner (228) will be at outside linebackers with Mark Turner (215) likely to replace a standout, George Jugum, in the middle. Sharp is the best of the lot, with remarkable range and quickness and a knack for getting to the passer.

Two starters, Tom Verti and Bob Berg, return from a fine 1968 secondary but All-America Al Worley, the national leader with 14 interceptions, is gone. Transfers Carl Sweet, Mark McMahon, Gary Carr and Joe Carter all will get a long look.

Owens notes that the Huskies are especially hopeful about their offense, because the line is bigger than in recent years and should block more proficiently. But a quarterback still has to assert himself and those early weekends in the Midwest could take their measure in spirit. If they don't, the rest of the Pacific 8 should be forewarned again about the thunder of the purple gang in Seattle.

OREGON—The Ducks were 2-8 in 1967 and 4-6 in 1968. Further progress definitely is conceivable, since coach Jerry Frei will have a nucleus of 29 lettermen on which to build.

Frei is particularly pleased with the prospects in what he calls "the talent positions"—quarterback, running backs and receivers.

Two juniors with excellent speed, Bob Newland (9.9) and Greg Lindsey (9.7), should make split end the team's strongest position. Despite missing most of last season with a severe ankle sprain, Newland caught 13 passes for 178 yards. Lindsey caught 20 for 463 yards.

The receiving corps probably will be filled out by big Andy Maurer (245) at tight end and sophomore Bob Moore at slotback. Moore, a 6-2, 215-pounder who runs the 40 yards in 4.5, is called "the best athlete we have ever recruited at Oregon" by Frei.

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Three lettermen quarterbacks—Tom Blanchard, a redshirt; John Harrington and Alan Pittcaithley—will bid to throw to them but the position could be won by a promising sophomore, Rick Brosterhous, Steve Bailey or Harvey Winn.

Both of last year's fullbacks, Rocky Pamplin and Greg Marshall, return, as does senior Stan Hearn, a breakaway threat the last half of the 1968 season, at tailback. Touted sophomore speedster Dave Jones will contest Hearn.

The interior offensive line is questionable, since just one starter, tackle Joe Phillips (235) is back. The picture isn't bleak, however, since lettermen guards Jack Stambaugh and Mark Andrews, tackle Ralph Pettingell and center Brad Halvorson return. No matter who starts, the offensive line will be bigger and quicker.

All Pacific-8 middle guard George Dames was lost on defense but lettermen Mike Johnson and Dave Walker are back at that position. Jim Wathey returns at a tackle and there are some huge sophomore candidates, including Marvin Burks (300) and Frank Bowlby (270). Both defensive end starters, Dennis Gassner and Mike Kish, return. Two talented performers, Dane Smith (235) and sophomore Tom Graham (230) are expected to move in as the top linebackers.

Oregon has four lettermen deep backs returning from a secondary that matched a Duck record of 25 interceptions in a season. Three, Jim Franklin, Jack Gleason and Bill Brauner, were starters; the fourth, Cam Sinclair, a top reserve.

If the line questions are resolved and key sophomores mature, Oregon could record its first winning season since 1964.

WASHINGTON STATE—Jim Sweeney faces at least one highly unpleasant assignment as he begins his second season as coach of the Cougars. Washington State, for the first time, must meet all of the other seven teams in the Pacific-8.

Lack of consistency plagued



BOB EWEN (above), a fine pass receiver, smart runner and powerful blocker at fullback and HUGH KLOPFENSTEIN, end, are WSU aces.



the Cougars throughout a 3-6-1 season in 1968 but they closed with a pair of convincing shutout wins. The defense, at least, played up to Pacific-8 standards all season.

Washington State returns considerably more strength on defense than it does on offense.

The Cougars will have to replace nearly their entire offensive line and a good part of the backfield. Split end Fred Moore and part-time starters Jim Hellyer, Bruce Abbott and Ty Hansell (235) at the interior positions are the only experienced linemen returning to the offense.

Rich Olson, another part-timer, is the only quarterback with varsity playing experience. There is a little more depth at running back, where Bob Ewen, Richard Lee Smith (205) and Tom Solberg return and Johnny Davis is a capable flanker. He led the

team in receiving yardage (421) last season.

The picture is brighter on defense. End Wayne Swayda was lost via graduation and standout Hugh Klopfenstein (225) has been switched to tight end after shoulder surgery but All-America candidate Dave Crema (195) returns at one wing. Letterman J. D. Smith should be opposite him.

Gary Branson (218) and Dan White (240) are solid returning tackles and both nose guards, Hank Bendix and Don Engler, are back, along with starting linebacker Terry Durst and 1967 letterman Mel Burrell, who laid out last season with knee surgery.

Jim Petersen is the only returning hand in the secondary but he's a good one—perhaps one of the country's best.

Sweeney will welcome 27 lettermen but this still could be the youngest Washington State team since Bert Clark's "Cardiac Kids" of 1965, who won seven of their 10 games.

Sophomores Chuck Hawthorne and Gary Bergan will challenge at quarterback. Other rookies with promise include Steve Kerby, running back; Dana Dogterom, defensive end; Steve Busch, linebacker; Steve Jones, offensive guard (246) and Tony Hutter, defensive tackle (220).

Sweeney and his staff aren't suffering from over-confidence. But the fear and trepidation that abounded in 1968 have gone.

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SAN DIEGO—There is very little left in the way of an encore for San Diego State after an unprecedented third straight national college division championship. But there will be a fresh kind of incentive. The formerly independent Aztecs have moved into a league again, the new Pacific Coast Athletic Association, and the competition looks formidable.

Coach Don Coryell is faced with a rebuilding task, too, since just five starters return. But Coryell, who's had success in that area before, has a potentially outstanding group of 17 junior college transfers at his command, in-

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cluding four j.c. All-Americans.

Coryell also has a big youngster, Dennis Shaw (6-3, 205), at quarterback who passed for 2,370 yards and 21 touchdowns as a junior. He'll be throwing to returnees Tim Delaney and Byron Olander and newcomers Tom Reynolds, Ken Burrows and John Featherstone. Olander, a 9.7 sprinter, is particularly dangerous.

Lloyd Edwards and Mac Dillingham will be missed at the running backs but John Kafka (220) and George Brown (240), who both played considerably in 1968, are back.

Center Bill Pierson is the only offensive line starter returning, but Coryell has ability, size and strength in his recruits there.

The defense is a major question. Anchoring it is 212-pound Tim Burnett, who will be expected to fill the big shoes of the departed Fred Dryer, a top pro pick. Other returnees are Bill Van Leeuwen, Lon Woodard and Carl Weathers. Much is expected of a pair of j.c. All-Americans,

Andre Morris (215) and Leon Van Gorkum (245).

Returning starter Billie Hayes leads the backfield, where Eugene Carter and Harry Benjamin have been switched from offense.

The schedule for the Aztecs, who have lost only one of their last 37 games, appears to be one of the school's toughest ever.

LONG BEACH—There's a new look for the Forty-Niners, with ex-USC assistant Jim Stangeland taking over as head coach with a changed staff and a pro-style offense with more emphasis on passing. But one thing hasn't changed. Split end Billy Parks (6-1, 185) is back for his senior season and over the last two he caught 147 passes for 2,495 yards and 20 touchdowns.

Stangeland, who has 19 lettermen, looks for much improvement over last year's 3-7 season, although the new PCAA looks strong. Much of the hope rests on junior college transfers, such as running backs Jeff Riggan (220) and Sam Redd (185). Defensive-

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ly, much is expected from transfers Buster Davis (250), Bob Lannon, Clarence Palmer and Bryan Shaw, brother of USC's Gerry and San Diego State's Dennis.

Transfer Shawn McKinney from Washington is the probable quarterback. The shakeup is so extensive that only four lettermen are tentative starters—Parks and center Austin Linsley on offense; end Steve Landis and either tackle Chuck Carapino or Joe Meyers on defense.

In addition to McKinney, Riggan and Redd, Stangeland looks for help from transfer tackles Steve Worley and Bill Perry; guards Brodie Dunn (265) and Jeff Roop; running back John Kahler and receivers Tony McNeal and John Turner.

Other top new defensive talent includes lineman Casey Nasser and defensive backs Anthony Moore and Dan Stark.

U. OF PACIFIC—The Tigers had their finest season (6-4) in a decade in 1968 and coach Doug Sco-

vil expects a host of lettermen (more than 40) back. It will be the 50th year of intercollegiate football on the Stockton campus.

Scovil has enough stars to challenge powerful San Diego State and mightily improved Long Beach. The standouts are three All-America candidates, receiver Jack Morrison, defensive back Jim Erbeznik and kicker Stefan Schroeder, who had a 59-yard field goal in 1968 and also punted well.

The entire backfield returns, including quarterbacks Mickey Ackley and Rand Bergstrom, fullbacks Al Namanny and Chuck Camy and halfbacks Cal Rogers and Pat Mathews.

Morrison, a 9.3 sprinter, heads a deep receiving corps that also includes Goef Willis, Dean Lazzarini, Bill Cornman, Honor Jackson and Gordon Reese. Guards K. C. Mead, Paul Press, Andy Gerasimou, Bill Bernier and Steve Hubbard, tackles Bill Toledo and Scott Oechel and centers Tom Surbridge and Steve Scott are back.

The Tigers lost six 1968 starters from their defensive unit, but strength returns, too. Wilson Myers, Wayne Quigley and Bo Hayselden will battle at ends and Steve Simondi, Kevin Shea, Ted Leland, John Carpenter and Charles Gover will vie for the interior positions in the front four. The linebacker spots appear open but starters Craig Reece and Don DeAmaral join Erbeznik, a vicious tackler, in the defensive backfield.

SAN JOSE—A rebuilding job—along with an extremely rough schedule—face the new coach of the Spartans, Joe McMullen, and his staff. McMullen's team won't look much like the San Jose club that went 3-7 last year. He'll install a multiple offense in place of the "I" formation and may use a variation of the Penn State Four on defense if adequate linebackers can be uncovered. The offensive emphasis probably will be on the running game.

The Spartans have their top rusher back in tiny (5-5, 155) Frank Slaton, a 9.7 sprinter who averaged more than five yards per carry. San Jose's top receiver,

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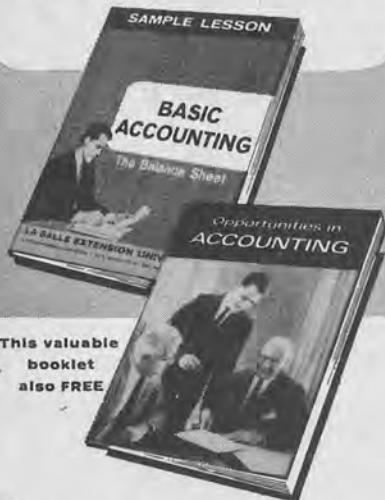
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Glenn Massengale, who has the same dimensions as Slaton, also returns. He caught 19 passes for 196 yards.

Mark Woods and Don Perkins, both veterans, are vying at quarterback with sophomore Pat Casey and transfer Ivan Lippi. Frank Weirath, second-leading rusher last year, will aid Slaton and Mike Scrivner, who doubled as a flanker and defensive back, also is back.

Two fine defensive players, linebackers Tony Jackson and Jim Perryman, return, as do centers Mickey Wharton (225) and John Abernethy (220).

Larry Barnes, a sophomore who booted a 57-yard field goal for the Spartan frosh, should be a valuable addition to the varsity. He has a talented toe on kickoffs, too.

FRESNO STATE—A stronger offense and an uncertain defense... that's the story at Fresno for coach Darryl Rogers. Offensively, the team should be even more potent than the one that averaged 26 points a game. All-America tackle John Stahl and three other starters graduated but there is a letterman to replace each one.

The receiving prospects are especially bright, thanks to John Sexton and Mike White, who netted a combined 638 yards last season. Returning at quarterback is letterman Ron Hudson, who threw for 10 touchdowns, and two promising transfers, John Ingelhart and Karl Francis, will back him. Little (5-10, 156) Walt Jensen and Fred Parker are

tough, proven runners. The leader in the line is Little All-Coast guard Hank Corda, a 166-pound senior.

Defensively, the major task is replacing All-America linebacker Tom McCall, tackle Tony Welch and end Ron Remington. Junior college transfers Tom Flanagan and Oscar Robinson and lettermen Pat Callahan and David Jones are bidding to step in for McCall.

Both defensive ends—Gene Suglian and Dave Auxier—are back and, over-all, the defenders look good enough, but perhaps not deep enough, in a tough conference. Transfers will be the key, along with continued development of Rogers' 25 letter winners.

SANTA BARBARA—Senior quarterback Jim Curtice, who just happens to be the son of the coach, "Cactus" Jack, will be back to run the Gauchos' offense as they try to improve a 4-4-1 showing. A gifted passer and a scrambler, Jim, who is 5-9 and 185 pounds,

BART JENKS, Santa Clara's top receiver, set trio of school air marks.



JIM CURTICE passed for 1,275 yards and 15 TDs for Santa Barbara in '68.



was the team's most valuable back last season and serves as a co-captain this year.

Jack Curtice, in his 29th year of college coaching, will have 33 lettermen returning, along with an impressive junior college crop and some top players up from the freshmen. Jim Curtice, who passed for 1,275 yards and 15 touchdowns, will be throwing to senior flankerback Steve Moore; senior tight end Frank Michaelson and junior split ends Carey Williams and Paul Lee.

Veteran Larry Brandenburg, who backed All-America Tom Broadhead, leads the running backs and transfers Tom Sanchez and Steve Vermillion should help. Co-fullbacks Kurt Speier and Jim Rodgers also are back. All-America tackle candidate Charlie Cruzat (230) is the offensive line leader.

The Gauchos must rebuild their defensive secondary but three linebackers—Neil Baker, Gary Anderson and Gary Osendorf—return. Up front, there is

veteran depth in tackles Paul Tollefson (233) and Vic Larson and guards Jim Beaman and Auggie Rapanut.

LOS ANGELES—The Diablos figure to be stronger but much depends on what happens at quarterback—the position vacated by John Erdhaus, who was among the national statistical leaders last season. No candidate there is proven. Returnee Bruce Vlink, a touted passer, appears to be the top man but may get an argument from transfer Ken Boney, who threw for 1,700-plus yards in junior college last season.

New coach Walt Thurmond has several proven men at ends and flanker and the defense figures to be stronger. There is quality but very little depth in the offensive line.

Among the 24 lettermen are slotback Jay Williams, a unanimous All-Conference selection in 1968; defensive back Glenn Johnson, also an All-Conference performer, and linebacker John Ada-

uto, rated one of the best at his position on the Pacific Coast.

The best of the new men appear to be redshirt fullback Bob Brown, a transfer from USC; redshirt center John Beimer, who was a starter at Idaho State, and redshirt defensive back Charles, Moch, formerly of the University of Houston.

INDEPENDENTS

HAWAII—Coach Dave Holmes faces three major tests after a 7-3 season—an extremely challenging schedule, replacement of 20 departed seniors and shoring up apparent defensive weaknesses. But there are 23 lettermen back, along with 21 transfers.

The Rainbows' leader is quarterback Larry Arnold, who threw for 1,971 yards and 21 touchdowns on 154 completions. Fullback Bill Massey and sophomore Bobby Ahu are top runners. Guard Jim Kalifi and tackles Jon Weber and George Salisbury lead the offensive line. The key



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returnees on defense are tackle Jack Spithill, end Harold Garcia and backs George Smith and Rich Kay.

CALIF. LUTHERAN—Coach Bob Shoup has speed, depth and a winning tradition (46-18), plus 10 starters back, but must face the loss of the best senior class in Kingsmen history. It probably is too much to expect California Lutheran to match its 9-1 season, because 22 sophomores are on the roster. But so are standout halfback Joe Stouch, leading scorer William Robinson, a receiver-place kicker, and safetyman Chris Elkins.

Sophomore quarterback Al Jones, who led five of the 1968 wins, is back and will be backed by Rick Scott, a transfer from Colorado State. There is uncertainty at tackles, both on offense and defense, but the linebacking appears strong.

SANTA CLARA—The Broncos suffered their first losing season in 1968 after six winning ones but coach Pat O'Malley sees an up-swing with 28 lettermen back, including the No. 1 and 3 running backs, Darryl Stowers and Larry Holmes, and alternate quarterback Dan Pastorini (6-2, 205). Small (5-9, 170) but effective split end Bart Jenks also returns.

On defense, which looks improved, will be senior linebackers Steve Stanich and Rick Ragan, both three-year starters, and the entire defensive backfield. The leader is senior Steve Sweeters.

NEVADA (Reno)—Defensive coach Jerry Scattini has replaced Dick Trachok, a 23-year veteran, and will keep Trachok's modified-pro offense. The Wolf Pack lost several close games last year and Scattini believes the team will be more mature—just three 1968 starters departed. There are 30 lettermen.

Seniors John Barnes, Rich Patterson and Bob Maher will be at quarterback, halfback and fullback with junior Steve Sousa at flanker. Big (6-5, 260) Terry Hermeling, at tackle, and middle guard Jay Nady, who made 38 unassisted tackles, are the defensive leaders.

NEVADA (Las Vegas)—It's only the second year of football at the Las Vegas school but the Rebels will have a tough time following their first act—an 8-1 season. Coach Bill Ireland has 28 lettermen back but the schedule looks much tougher.

Ireland will rely on quickness rather than size. Steve Buzich (195), the team's leading scorer with 83 points, returns. He played fullback, tailback, flanker and handled the kicking in 1968. His backfield mates will be new. The entire offensive line is back. The linebacking corps, led by Bill Myers and Lee Wright, is strong and Tommy Rowland (205), Layton Duer (205) and Dave Bittel (185) return up front.

LA VERNE—The Leopards of coach Roland Ortmayer may be stronger than they were in a 7-2 season last year, thanks to players such as junior split end Fred Long, who also handles kickoff and punt returns. Ortmayer says the team should be quicker, with more balance.

Rex Huigens, after two years as a safetyman, will get a chance to guide the offense at quarterback. He'll be directing at least two star players in addition to Long—tight end Mike Daniels and flanker Jack Maloof. Steve Sheller, Rich Martinez and Frank Romero lead the defense and Mike Culton is a fine punter.

CALIF. WESTERN—A new coach, Marv Braden, with a new system, a pro-slot I formation, takes over the Westerners and welcomes 23 lettermen. First major task is improving a 3-6 record.

Depth is shy at several positions but a fine quarterback, Wayne Clark (6-2, 195) is back to provide leadership. Bill Nugent is a top running back, Eric Widmark an excellent receiver and Gary Dalton and Bill Miller are strong in the offensive line. Dale Curtis kicked five field goals in one game last year and scored 40 points.

LOYOLA—Coach Jim Brownfield, an optimist, is smiling about his offensive unit but not so happy about his defense, where only

two starters return. Linebacker Len Varni and safetyman Steve Crank will be difficult to replace, and the schedule is tougher.

The Lions, who were 7-3 and ranked second in the nation among club football teams, have 22 lettermen, however, and 8 starters back on offense. The keys are two star quarterbacks, junior Jim Ertman and sophomore Jerry Lowery. Both averaged more than six yards a carry and better than 50 per cent passing in 1968. Dan Hogan, Joe Lawrence and Ron Davis or Mike Dietiker will join them in the starting backfield.

AZUSA PACIFIC—Coach John Crandall's team is coming off a 2-7 season but has more experience and depth in all positions, with 26 lettermen back. The offensive line will be bolstered by a pair of two-year letter winners, tackle Tim Tennyson and guard Bob Abraham.

Bruce Priem has had a year's experience at quarterback and letterman quarterback Rumaldo Rubi also is available. Speedy Fred Gallego is a seasoned back.

SAN FRANCISCO UNIV.—New coach Vince Tringali has vowed to "bring back the Dons" and should have no trouble making some improvement, at the least. The team was 0-8-1 in 1968. The key man in Tringali's I-formation probably will be fullback Dennis DiRicco, a senior (215) who has led the Dons in rushing three straight years. Junior college transfer Randy Nobles, a sophomore, is expected to get first crack at directing the offense.

There will be 21 lettermen to choose from, and among the best of them are guard-linebacker Mike Bracco and a trio of three-year starters in the defensive backfield, Pete Sparks, Rick Fignoni and Al Lopez.

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CALIF. POLY (Obispo)—The Mustangs' schedule is tougher but the team is, too, with 29 lettermen back under the guidance of coach Joe Harper. Option quarterback Gary Abate is returning, as are tough inside runners Joe Acosta

and Joe Nigos and a pair of fine receivers, Manuel Murrell and Paul Ramsey. Brent Crabb bulwarks the offensive line.

The defensive standouts are likely to be All-CCAA linebacker Lee Treadwell, who is very strong against the running game; linebacker Dick Kimbrough and defensive tackle Dennis Petraczek, a top pass rusher.

SAN FERNANDO—Former UCLA and pro star Leon McLaughlin has assumed command of the Matadors and will install a multiple pro-T formation. McLaughlin has 26 lettermen back on what is essentially a senior team and figures to contend for the CCAA title in a changed league.

The best of the returnees probably is senior linebacker Bill Butler (6-3, 220), an All-Star candidate. Top three scorers are gone but quarterbacks Steve Hartman and Mike O'Neil and halfback Randy Coates are back. The defense looks potent, with Butler and All-Conference Craig Clements at linebackers and Don West and Drew Yellen (both 230) in the line.

RIVERSIDE—Coach Peter Kettela's team is improved but the schedule isn't. The chief worries are finding a quarterback to replace Nick Goldware and shoring up a defensive line that lost Little All-America Garry Smith. Ten junior college transfers are expected to help.

Brian Kilpatrick, who has size (6-2, 195) is expected to open at quarterback, with Ty Hooks and Steve Farmer at halfback, Fred Morawcznski at fullback and Ed Skeen at wingback. Kilpatrick will be throwing to ends Tom Banducci and Bob Olson. Four of the five interior linemen are veterans.

CALIF. POLY (Pomona)—A new coach, Roy Anderson, faces an imposing assignment. Cal Poly Pomona went winless through a 10-game schedule. But Anderson, former Santa Barbara assistant, sees a measure of potential.

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yards in 233 carries; quarterback Ted Flores, split end Michael Harrison and tight end Terry Lewis. David Long (245) is a potential star at offensive tackle. Guard Henry Bradford (268) and tackle Mike Mondry head the defense and the deep backs loom as a strong unit.

FAR WESTERN

HUMBOLDT — The Lumberjacks have to be the team to beat in 1969. Winner of last season's Camellia Bowl after capturing the conference championship, coach Bud Van Deren's team has a strong nucleus of 25 lettermen.

Back are All-FWC defensive lineman Charles Giannini (230) and All-FWC defensive back Jeff Getty (180), who intercepted a conference record nine passes in 1968. Dave Banducci, who scored 62 points with his foot last year, probably will be the quarterback with strong veterans Danny Walsh and Mike Cremer at running backs. Also returning to what was the league's best offense is No. 1 receiver Dennis Sousa (33 catches for 623 yards.)

SACRAMENTO — Coming off a second-place conference finish and an appearance in the Junior Rose Bowl, the Hornets believe they may have the strongest team in the school's history. Coach Ray Clemons will have 23 lettermen returning, including at least five candidates for All-Star honors.

They're tackle Boisse Correa (6-6, 245); quarterback Rick Bergstrom (6-5, 215); flanker Mike Carter (6-1, 215); guard Pat Clemons, son of the coach, (5-10, 205) and linebacker Brian Watson (6-0, 210). Lettermen will be returning at every defensive position. The offense is solid, but perhaps may lack something in depth.

DAVIS — There is a record number of lettermen—37—at the disposal of coach Herb Schmalenberger and on paper the team should be better, particularly on defense, where injuries hurt in 1968. Little All-America end candidate Jerry DeLoach (245), being boosted as the school's finest de-

fender ever, is most notable. Tackles Mike Clark (260) and Tom Williams (230) and linebacker Jim Fiack should aid him well.

Howard Gravelle (215) is an All-Conference receiver at an end spot and Dale Smith and John Kohlmoos can catch the ball, too. Quarterback Bill Ingram, a senior, probably will be the man throwing to them. The running game and blocking are questions.

HAYWARD — Coach Les Davis' Pioneers has holes to fill in the defensive lineup but the offensive team returns nearly intact. Punter-place kicker George Papazian, flanker Carl DiMeff and running backs Bernie Oliver (180) and Bert Castellanelli (166) should be the offensive stars.

The defensive line leaders likely will be guard Ed Lambert (230) and tackle Dennis Lynn (215), while Clarence Chase and Lewie Roche head the deep backs. The Pioneers were 5-4-1 a year ago and fourth in the conference but Davis expects them to contend for the title if the defense can be rebuilt successfully.

CHICO STATE — Pete Riehman, starting his second season at Chico State, has 27 lettermen returning, compared to just 6 a year ago and hopes to better a 5-5 record. Quarterback Joe Graben leads the returnees.

Several transfers should help, including defensive back Ron Moormiester, who won a Purple Heart in Vietnam; quarterback Rosy Hernandez; flanker Gary Boreham; tackle Gene Fournier; split end Randy Washington and linebacker Tony Bertuca.

SAN FRANCISCO STATE — Coach Vic Rowen's Gators slumped last season with a 3-3 conference mark, their worst showing in several years, but hope to rebound with 22 lettermen.

The team's top scorer, Glenn Baker (198) is back at fullback and Butch Wyburn (200), who passed for 1,059 yards, returns at quarterback. Lee Overstreet, a veteran, will be at a flanker. The top lineman may be returnee Bill Gray (240). Other notables in-

clude Bill Von Esmarch (200), Ron Patterson (210), Dennis Ewing (225) and Mike Creed (240).

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

WHITTIER — The Poets will have a potentially stronger defense—and a quicker team over-all—as they try to win their eighth Southern California Conference title in 10 years under coach John Godfrey. Of the 22 returning lettermen, however, most of the experience is on offense, where quarterback John Mele, fullback Lionel Pointer, split end Steve Colflesh and tackle Greg Sherrill appear ready for big seasons.

The defense should be led by safetyman Greg Lawrence. Bolstering the team that won its conference crown with a 4-1 record will be 16 junior college transfers.

REDLANDS — Development of the offensive line is the key for coach Frank Serrao's Bulldogs, whose defensive prospects are brightened by the return of 8 of the 11 starters, led by tackles Frank Grossman, an All-Conference player, and Voddie Bauchman and All-League linebacker Dan Higson.

There are holes to be filled on offense but Serrao has some capable men there, too, among his 28 lettermen, including end Hank Cochrane, All-Conference fullback Rick Dischinger and tailback Charles Garrett.

CLAREMONT-MUDD — Coach John Zinda, starting his second season, foresees a four or five-team race and he thinks his Stags, buoyed by 25 lettermen and a top group of freshmen, will be in it.

The best returnee probably is defensive back Steve Endemano (185), who gained All-District, All-Conference and honorable mention All-America honors as a sophomore. Other leading veterans are senior flankerback Carl Hennrich, who had 47 receptions in 1968; senior tackle Greg Long (215), who may play both ways, and sophomore center Ray Moore, who starred as a freshman.

"We should be much improved," Zinda says.

OCCIDENTAL—Inexperience could hurt the Tigers of coach Doug Gerhart, who lost their star, conference rushing champion Gene Moore. The season may depend on newcomers and Oxy has a heralded sophomore crop.

A pair of them are quarterbacks—Fred Tippet (6-1, 190) and Pete LaBoskey (5-11, 175)—who will be battling a senior, Jay Yett (5-7, 165), for the starting role. All could be outstanding. A strong fullback, Gil Waldron (205), who also plays linebacker, returns, and a key man, senior guard John Gough (230) is back in the offensive line. Dan Thatcher, who led the conference in punting, has been shifted from defensive backfield to tight end to take advantage of his blocking ability. The Tigers have 19 lettermen.

POMONA—Coach Walt Ambord's Sagehens will build around 27 lettermen, including several members of a defensive unit that led the conference. An outstanding tackle, Wayne Pierpoint, and linebacker, Pat Riggs, return, as does the secondary—Bruce Thomas, Greg Weaver, Gerald Casanave and Jerry Frisk—that led the SCIAC with 27 interceptions in 1968.

Offensively, there will be more experience, too, with three All-League players, tackle Steve Jones, guard Paul Wright and halfback Rick Segerblom, and veteran quarterback Ric Miller.

CALIF. TECH—Tom Gutman's Engineers have lost a pair of outstanding performers—quarterback Tom Burton and end Lonnie Martin—plus several other seniors. But Gutman is optimistic that his club can better a 1-7 season.

The schedule looks a little more favorable, for one thing. And the Engineers will have some strong lettermen around which to build, including senior guard-defensive end Alan Beagle (200); senior fullback Mike Brennan (200); senior guard-linebacker Dennis Pocekay (195) and junior defensive back Paul Dressendorfer, who weighs just 135 pounds but averaged 17 tackles a game.



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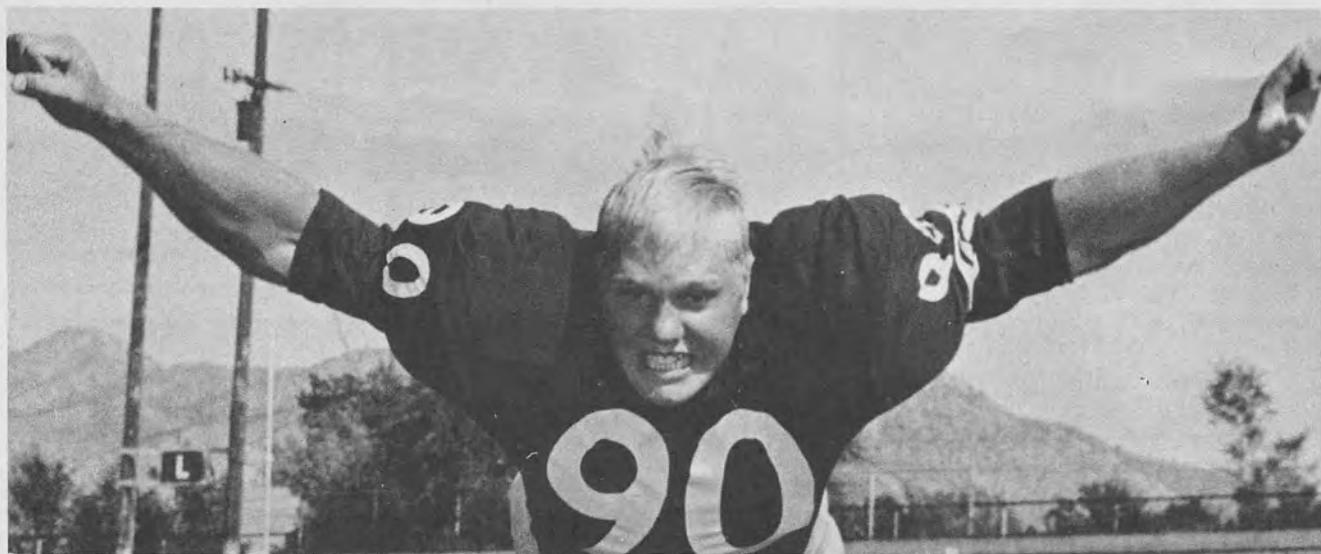
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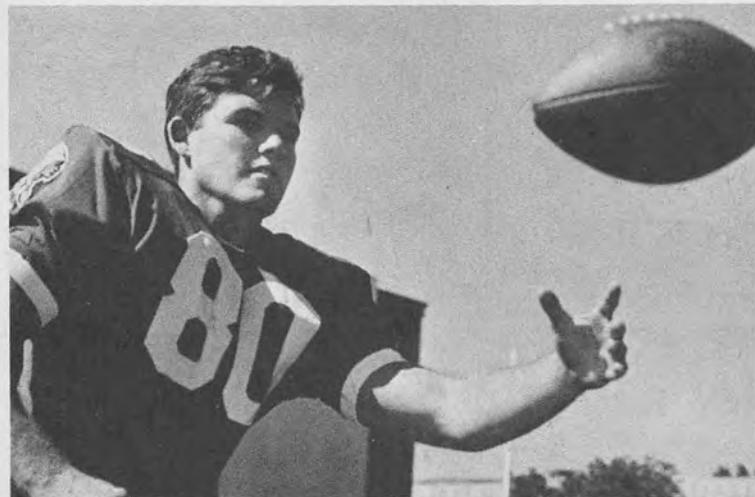
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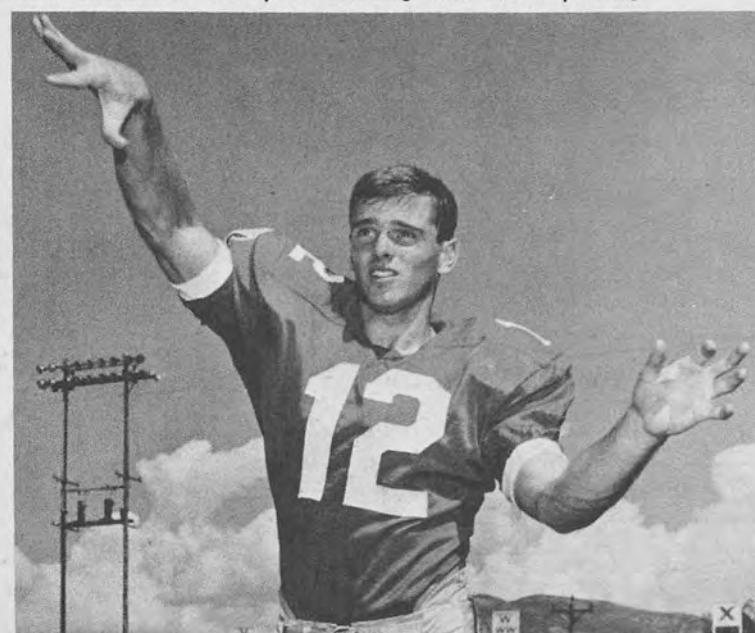


DALE NOSWORTHY, who took over tight end as a soph, is back on Utah attack with 12 catches good for 173 yards.

RAY GROTH, Utes' quarterback, was second in WAC total offense on 506 yards rushing and 1,181 passing.



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Wyoming, with three straight championships, and Arizona State, with two straight 8-2 seasons, rank as the class of the Western Athletic Conference, with the poised Cowboys a shaky favorite.

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New Mexico, with a 19-game losing streak, doesn't figure and Colorado State, with a host of transfers, plays one too few WAC games to qualify for the championship.

The WAC has one new head coach, with Bob Weber stepping up from assistant to replace Darrell Mudra at Arizona. Mudra had coached an 8-2 season and resigned.

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WYOMING—Coach Lloyd Eaton likes to consider this another "rebuilding year", but since the Cowboys have won three straight championships, lost but one WAC game in three years and have 30 lettermen returning, how can you pick against Wyoming?

True, Wyoming "backed into" the championship

last year by playing one more game than runners-up Arizona State and Arizona. But Wyoming also was the only conference team to defeat Arizona State, everybody's pre-season favorite. The schedule sends the Cowboys to Arizona State this year, Nov. 1, in a game that could decide the championship.

Returning starters are balanced between the offensive and defensive units, six apiece, along with kicking specialist Bob Jacobs. While lettermen are available for every position, Eaton may start two newcomers in the defensive secondary and one in the offensive line.

Ivie Moore, a transfer from Butler County Community College in Kansas, figures to start at a defensive halfback and Jerry Berry, up from the undefeated frosh, will be at left safety. Jim Keen, at right safety, and Jim Barrows, a speedster, will be at right defensive halfback. Eaton lists the defensive secondary and the split receivers as his main problems.

On the plus side, Eaton, for the first time since 1965, can start with a holdover quarterback in junior Ed Synakowski. Soph Fox, who led the frosh in total offense, passing and scoring, makes this position stronger. Joe Williams, second in rushing for two years, is solid at tailback, spelled by soph Frosty Franklin. Junior Bob Belei may move from tailback to bolster the fullback. Dave Stack figures to be the No. 1 fullback, but he dislocated an arch last spring, played in one game last fall, and missed this spring. Jeff Howe, up from the frosh, will battle Belei if Stack doesn't come around.

Senior Larry Saganuma, third in receptions last year, is a veteran flanker. Split end is up for grabs with squadmen Walt Champion and Willie Hysaw battling red shirt Ron Hill and soph Bob Cieslak.

The offensive line includes both starting guards, one tackle and a tight end from last year, and center Dale Pernula is taking over one vacancy. Al Zerfoss, a two-year letterman, is a fine offensive tackle.

Jacobs gives Wyoming a fine kicking game. He was third in the nation in kick-scoring with 68 points, fifth in punting with a 42.1 average, and converted 14 of 18 field goal tries. Fox, the soph quarterback, is a fine placement boomer and soph John Martin averaged 42.7 on 42 kicks as a frosh.

Wyoming annually ranks high in defense against rushing and Eaton won't lose any ground this year with Steve Adamson at middle guard, Brent Englehardt at left linebacker, George Kellerman at defensive right end and Larry Nels, a truly outstanding left tackle.

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phenom, will see some action at quarterback, along with Dana Clyde, a red-shirt from last year. Cal Poulson, who lettered as a halfback, and Bill Fowler, a steady runner, receiver and blocker, who started at right half, round out the offensive backfield experience.

As receivers, the Utes have J. R. Knight, a red-shirted quarterback and Frank Sollicito, a transfer at split end. Fowler, Poulson and Graves also can catch and run well. Dale Nosworthy, a good receiver who took over tight end as a soph, and Leo Gibby, a big rookie up from the frosh, are playing the tight flank.

Marion Boykin and Gordon Jolley, starters as sophs last year, have the edge on the tackle slots. Veterans Dale Pino and Dennis Ammons lead the guards. Ammons is the only senior in the offensive line.

Ryan Williams is a letterman at center.

Dwight Staten, a big, mobile linebacker who missed last year with an injury, may team with Stone. Bill Jones moves from defensive end to linebacker and Steve Mello, who missed the spring with an injury, and soph Dennis Bearden figure.

Defensive ends are veterans Randy Hansen and Jerry Simonsen, with soph Joe Petricca. Transfers Buddy Witte, Mike Rich and Bruce Barr will be the tackles and veteran Mack Powell goes at middle guard.

Veteran deep backs are Gary Barker, Craig Smith (also the top punter), Joe Galarze and Dick Wilson with transfers Norman Thompson and Val Walker battling soph Rick Hoover for a spot.

ARIZONA—The Wildcats, with an 8-2 season and a second place tie (5-1) in the WAC, surprised everyone last year and then climaxed it all when coach Darrell Mudra resigned. Bob Weber, offensive line coach for two years, steps in as the only new head coach in the Rockies.

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Weber will use the pro-set I formation and admits his quarterback holds the key to the season.

"We are hoping experience and maturity will bring Mark Driscoll along and that Bill Neal, who was hurt last year, will stay healthy," Bob admits. "Brian Linstrom, who will be a soph, has potential. With flanker Ron Gardin and split end Mark Boche, we're happy with our passing game."

Gardin, who was injured in a motor scooter accident and

missed the 1967 season, is a definite "all" candidate. He led his team in pass receiving with 48 catches for 892 yards and four touchdowns, in punt returns with 21 for 220 yards and was second in kick off returns (six for 133 yards).

However, the other two fixtures in the air arm missed spring practice, Driscoll as a member of the baseball team and Boche with injuries. Center Doug Rothery and defensive tackle Dick Prince also were excused from the spring drills to nurse injuries.

Weber isn't concentrating his running game on one fast back;



COUGAR ACES on defense are tackle GERALD MEYER, on All-America candidate, and end JEFF SLIPP (below), 230-pound Brigham Young senior.



ARIZONA ALL-AMERICA bidders are RON GARDIN (above), a scrappy offensive end, and REX MACKLIN, 5-9 of defensive dynamite at tackle.



he'll use the halfback and fullback and use more passing if the situation warrants.

Arizona hasn't an outstanding big running back, with the break-away speed. Dan Hustead (5-8 and 185-pound senior) and Don Reynolds (6-0 and 181-pound junior) are the logical running halfbacks with transfer Willie Lewis and sophomore Paul Humphrey leading the fullbacks.

Defensively, Weber feels the Wildcats will be faster, with tackle Rex Macklin as a potential star after earning All-Conference as a junior. Defensive lettermen ends are John Naegle and Bill McKinley, with Macklin at tackle is veteran Tim Sheedy, experienced linebackers are Tom Cool-

ey and Charlie Duke, veteran cornerbacks are Matt Giles, Bill Miller and Rick Stevenson with Steve Wolfe and Greg Woodward as experienced safeties.

Experienced offensive linemen include Hal Arnason at split end (from flanker), Jim Sherman at center, Kim Tompkins at guard, Rich Crossman at tackle and Bruce Partridge and Ted Sherwood at the tight ends.

Top J.C. transfers include Joe Hannasch, guard; Jack Ashby, flanker; Willie Lewis, fullback; Jon Dyson, halfback; Ronnie Smith, safety and tackle Ron Giesel.

Best bets from the frosh are linebacker Mark Arneson, defensive back Justin Lanne, defensive

tackle Jim Ventrigilia, quarterback Linstrom, defensive tackle Weldon Jones, fullback Humphrey and center Rod Benedict.

BRIGHAM YOUNG — This fall, coach Tommie Hudspeth's sixth at the Mormon university, the strength is tilted in favor of the defense.

BYU, picked as the WAC darkhorse, lost quarterback Terry Sanford (head injury), split end Ed Romero (post-season auto accident) and place-kicker Steve Christensen, injured and out for this season.

In the spring, veteran fullback Dave Swanson, the team's leading rusher a year ago, elected to drop football, and quarterback Marc

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Lyons suffered a knee injury requiring surgery.

In a matter of months, Hudspeth found himself with only four defensive and one offensive starter available for the fall campaign out of his assortment of 27 lettermen.

And the Cougars, who were known as a run and gun offensive team under Hudspeth, found themselves touting three defensive linemen for the "all" honors. Tackles Gary Harmann, a 223-pound senior, and Gerald Meyer, a 245-pound junior, team with right end Jeff Slipp, 230-pound senior, to bulwark the defense.

The defensive secondary is solid with lettermen, with Rick Dixon, Dennis Watford, Larry Echohawk, Paul Sutorius and Chris Farasopoulos with experience.

In the starting defensive unit, only left end Dave Dumas, a squadman, middle guard Steve Facer, a sophomore, and strong linebacker Jeff Lyman, a sophomore are greenies. Other defensive lettermen are Dennis Finrock at end, John Lupoi and Mike Jacobsen, tackles; defensive backs Tim Roberts, injured in the spring; and Ron Wakley, at safety, the latter a top rusher last year as a wingback.

While only one starter anchors the offense, Hudspeth has lettermen available for every spot but tight tackle, tight end and flanker. Dan Taylor, a 190-pound sophomore, will play the flanker, allowing senior Ron Wakley to move to defense. Dennis Doman, a 6-3, 190-pounder, moves into the tight end slot and Steve Hall, a squadman, at 6-4 and 230, has the edge at tight tackle.

With Lyons very much a question, the quarterbacking drops down to a pair of letterman reserves—Don Griffin and Rick Jones. Griffin played in the defensive secondary as a sophomore, but is rated a better all-around passer-runner-signal caller than Jones, a sometimes starter last year.

Kip Jackson, who started several games at tailback, was third best receiver and lugged the ball for a 3.8-yard average.

Fullbacking will be handled by Chris Reading, who averaged 4.5



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yards as a soph reserve.

Wes Homolik, who missed spring ball with a knee operation, may play as a flanker. Transfers Gary Hurley, tailback, and Ed Nichols, fullback, could help.

Strength in the offensive line is added by Mel Olson, a letterman back from a two-year church mission, who'll back up Ken Serck, a squadman last year, at center. Other lettermen in the starting offensive line are Larry Heaps at split end, Gordon Gravelle at strong tackle, George Gruber and Mike Weinkauf at guards.

TEXAS-EL PASO—Those days when opponents muttered, "Curse you, Red Baron" and shuddered before the Flying Circus of coach Bobby Dobbs may belong to the ages. Dobbs, whose offense made national passing stars of Billy Stevens and Brooks Dawson, hasn't an experienced quarterback. Worse, he lost all three of his split receivers.

Dobbs has a squad of 19 letter-

men, 12 redshirts, seven non-lettering squadmen, six transfers and 33 sophs.

The quarterbacking situation was impaired further when Bob Stewart was ruled ineligible on the five-year rule, and the split end corps' decimation was complete when David Millican transferred. Squadman Dennis Niemeyer and soph Bill Craigo seemed to have the best of the quarterbacking in the spring, ahead of soph Mike Burris and redshirt Neil Lovlorn.

The UTEP mentor, who has sent 13 Miner stars to the pros in the last two seasons, has a couple of outstanding stars in Dennis Bramlett, a 6-6, 250-pound center, and Major Stevenson, a tight end.

Offensively, tackles Greg Rzycki and Dave Gerlack return, along with guard Mike Brady and fullback Gene Childs and halfback Paul White.

While he lost both linebackers, three defensive backs and one regular tackle, Dobbs does have

both ends, Gene Mack and Bob Larkin, tackle Darby Mayfield, guard Calvin Taylor and safety Jim Fabish.

Dobbs' redshirt program is expected to fill holes with Don Croft, a defensive tackle; Ron Pansiddo, at guard; Dolphus Smith, linebacker, and Clyde Glosson, split receiver. Transfers who may help include Rich Gannels, linebacker; Mike Reynolds, defensive back; James Sanson, linebacker; Donnie Aldredge, fullback; Dennis Mayfield, tight end, and Louis Brooks, offensive guard.

Soph Chuck Beall has moved into a starting weak end, soph Ron Neves has taken over as a linebacker and Ken Koval has moved into the defensive backfield. Dobbs knows he'll need help from his sophs and expects at least nine to be starters.

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NEW MEXICO—Coach Rudy Feldman has an established running back in tailback David Bookert and until some of his 40 sophs prove they can play intercollegiate football, that may be the story at Albuquerque. Bookert accounted for almost 80 per cent of the Lobo running game last year, with 209 carries for 872 yards and 11 touchdowns.

The speedy senior workhorse was named to the All-Conference team although the Lobos had an 0-10 season.

However graduation wiped out the passing quarterbacks and top receivers. Only five offensive and two defensive starters are included among the 11 letterman Feldman hopes will end a losing streak going back to the 1967 opener.

With rookie quarterbacking, Feldman indicates he'll try harder to establish a running game. Sam Scarber will concentrate on fullbacking after splitting the time as a linebacker. Phil Franczyk, who missed most of last season with injuries, is a halfback hope. Frank Gorman, a 6-1 red-shirt, appears to have the edge in the quarterback hassle.

Top offensive lineman appears to be Greg Sargovetz, at either guard or tackle.

Most of the squad will revolve around 40 sophs and New Mexico did the best job in several years in recruiting a year ago.

Houston Ross, a 207-pounder, led the frosh runners last year with 328 yards and four touchdowns, including a 52-yard sprint. Ross figures to play one of the halfbacks.

Harry Price, a defensive end, looms best of the yearlings in the line.

COLORADO STATE U.—Mike Lude could double as a street car motorman, the way he collects transfers. Lude sorted out 27 junior college transfers in the spring and promises more for the fall, if needed.

The transfers, plus 19 lettermen, 17 squadmen and 46 frosh graduates, gave Lude 109 football candidates. Lude is hooked on manpower, after injuries have wiped him out in the last couple of years.



BIG GUNS in Air Force bid for grid honors are **GARY BAXTER** (above), who hit on 76 passes for 1,024 yards and 7 TDs and defensive tackle, **ED EPPING**, an All-America candidate.



His main problem is rebuilding a defensive unit decimated by graduation and injuries. Defensive ends Jim White, Scott Fairless and Steve Oakson and All-America cornerback nominee Earlie Thomas cover the experienced defenders.

Three starters in the offensive backfield return, but Lude is experimenting with seven quarterbacks. Bill Schmitz, McClinton Brown and Charles Piggee are solid backs and in the line, guards Dale Maeding and Mike Ackerly started every game. Tackles with experience are Tom French, Art Herrera and Bill Pietrosky, but Herrera suffered an injury that took him out of the spring drills and leaves him a question.

Chip Maxwell is the only letterman at quarterback and the 6-5, 180-pounder was switched there out of necessity last season. Pushing him will be Al Amirault, or Scott Simmons, a pair of transfers. Three frosh—Ted Hill, Tim Turner and Steve Boothe—are battling another transfer, Ken Staninger, for the quarterback

slot on the Rams' winged-T.

With so many new faces, Lude changed his offensive philosophy, switching from a strong running game to a more varied passing attack.

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AIR FORCE ACADEMY—Ben Martin opens his 12th season as coach of the Falcons with 30 veterans from a 7-3 season, and a schedule worthy of any football power in the country.

While the Air Academy boasts all its offensive starters but the right tackle and fullback and a defensive unit complete with all but three starters from 1968, the coast-to-coast schedule is a killer.

Missing offensively are right tackle Dick Swanson and fullback Dennis Ryll, the former the team captain and the latter rated the best blocker produced at AFA. Both vacancies will be filled by men who lettered as subs, Junior Tim Duff at tackle and senior Ken Hansen at fullback.

Quarterback Gary Baxter leads a backfield that tallied 251 points. Baxter will have all his receivers back, headed by Charlie Longnecker at split end, who caught 45 passes last year while setting five school records.

Speedsters Curtis Martin and Ernie Jennings, and hard-runner Jimmy Deorio give Martin his three leading ball carriers from last year.

Martin lettered 39 men and returns 30, with 16 seniors and 14 sophs, plus five squadmen and eight promising sophs from a 3-2 season.

Defensively, the Falcons will be led by their All-America tackle candidate Ed Epping. Only two starters are missing from a squad which held opponents to 156 points.

Replacing Ken Hamlin at defensive tackle will be Joe Bresh-ears, who lettered as a sub, while defensive halfback Rudy Hallenbeck will be replaced by Scott Hamm, who subbed and did the punting last year. Middle guard Dennis Leuthauser, who kicked a 57-yard field goal against Wyom-

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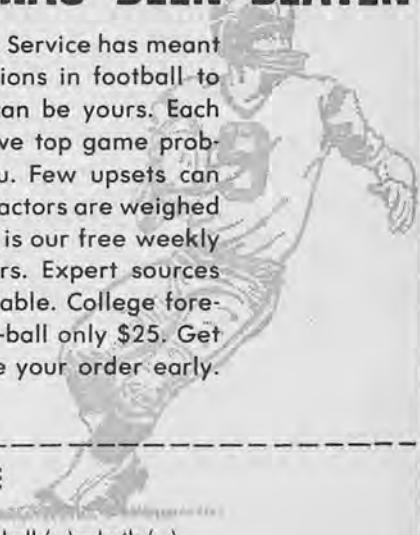
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DAVE HOLMAN completed 19 of 41 passes for Utah State last season.

ing last year, will double as a kicker and defensive ace.

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With Hamm in the secondary will be Cyd Maattala, Al Wurglitz and Jim Smith, also a punt and kickoff return specialist.

George Rayl, who has played every offensive down at center for two years, keys a veteran attacking echelon.

With Longnecker at end will be Dave MacGhee and Mike Bolen, tackles John Bierie and Duff and guards Virgil Staponski and Dave Patton

UTAH STATE U.—The Aggies have beefed up their football schedule with Army and Air Force, but Coach Chuck Mills finds himself lacking in the aged beef which has made "Tackle U." famous among the pros.

Mills, with a 14-5-1 record for his two years at Utah State, starts with three offensive and five defensive starters from last year's 7-3 season.

Mills, who favors the pro-set and a wide-open aerial game backed by break-away running, admits his line problems aren't as serious as his backfield worries.

"We started spring practice very thin both ways, although we have some experience both on

offense and defense backing up last year's starters," Mills says.

"Again, though, we have more experience on defense than on offense, if you overlook the loss of two corner men and both safeties."

Phil Olsen, brother of the Rams' All-Pro defensive stalwart, is the brightest spot in the USU picture, but even Mills isn't sure where the 6-5, 250-pound tiger will play. Olsen has played middle guard and defensive end and Mills is toying with the idea of doubling him as a tight end. He has the speed and agility to play on offense, if the defense can spare him. Olsen is one of the outstanding linemen in college ball.

Teaming with Olsen in the experience department defensively will be right end Ron Labrum and linebackers Gary Anderson, Mike Becklund and Dana Schulz, last year's starters.

Lettermen in the defensive line include tackles Mick Workman and Tim Plummer, ends Bill Dunstan, Mike Hutchins and Scott Martinson, and linebackers Tyrone Couey, Randy Christensen and Eugene Carillo.

Couey may work in as a safety, with Rod Jones, Dale Washburn, Paul Reuter and Tom Parker.



RON JAMES, 8th nationally rushing (1,291 yards) is back as N. M. State tailback and MANNY RODRIGUEZ, 235, (below) clears the way at tackle.



Dennis Ferguson and Wayne Stephens have the edge at the corners.

Offensively, the returning starters are center Ted Zimmerman, left guard Fred Alvarez, who also does the place-kicking, and left tackle Bruce Jacobsen.

A four-way fight looms for the quarterbacking, with senior Dave Holman, juniors Jerry McCullough and Craig Smith and sophomore John Strycula.

Four men are battling for the flanker spot, too, with Sam Cooper, Chris Geyer, Bob Wicks and Bob Gomez. Steve Taylor has an edge in experience at fullback and George Tribble looks like Taylor's replacement at tailback.

Lettermen in the line include split end Chris Geyer, tight ends Sam Cooper and Craig Zimmerman; tackles Fred Confer and John Forzani; guard Dan Erickson and center Jim Amador.

Tom Weyerts, who averaged 39.3 yards as a punter, can play a tight end or wide receiver. The passing combination of Strycula to Wicks featured the frosh last year.

The Aggies will be bolstered by 10 redshirts and a number of transfers to provide depth.

NEW MEXICO STATE U.—With Ron 'Po' James, eighth nationally in rushing and fifth in scoring, back, coach Jim Wood has the makings of another powerful ground attack.

With good running backs and a tough secondary, with three of four starters back and two of the three linebackers returning. Wood also isn't as concerned about quarterbacking as he was a year ago.

"We have Rhett Putnam, a jaycee transfer who is a scrambler; Rick Day, a 5-11, 195-pounder who lettered as a reserve, and Ron Tisk, a sophomore who red-shirted last year. Ron is 6-5 and 210 and has great potential," Wood admits.

New Mexico State figures its running backs are the best collection in the west, with the possible exception of Arizona State's speedsters. And the Wood offense, with the pro-set and two tight ends, lends itself to running. Wood would like to throw



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Patterson may move to wingback, where senior Heyward Findley (210) is a veteran starter.

Fullback Jim Terrell, 6-3 and 220, who led the frosh and then missed all of last year with injuries, is being challenged for the plunging spot by Bill Byrd, a 190-pound junior, who bulled for 301 yards as a sophomore.

Of the total of 1,708 rushing yards last year, Wood has 1,498 returning among his veterans.

New Mexico State will not be playing its freshmen for the first time this year, which may handicap Wood with his depth.

In the defensive backfield, veterans include Mike O'Donnell, Dick Hamilton and Pat Killough, with the latter being pressed by letterman Jim Peterson, star of the spring game with three interceptions.

Defensive end George Wells, 6-1 and 240, has the pro scouts drooling and with Manny Rodriguez (235) a three-year starter at offensive tackle and center Dave Lynn, the Aggies have the backbone for a good line. Transfers Ralph Jordan, defensive tackle, and Tom Elam, defensive back, are best of the newcomers.

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ADAMS STATE—Twice champion of the old RMC, Adams State has the manpower to win the first championship of the expanded league, with both-way tackle Don Kotschwar touted for All-America honors as the best lineman developed at Alamosa. Quarterback Donny McKillip and tailback Swannie Lawson, who gained over 500 yards as a

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NEBRASKA AT OMAHA—Twenty-nine lettermen, seven starters on offense and eight on defense, give coach Al Caniglia a solid run at the division title. The passing combo of Rocco Gonnella to Tom McKeon, the running of Robbin Cummings and an offensive line moved Bob Kreitner and Stan Standifer give the Indians real threats. A huge front four of John Brennan, Ed Jackson, Mel

Washington and Rich Luger, with All-Conference linebacker Dom Polifrone and All-Conference secondary men Gary Paprello and Phil Wise bolsters the defense. COLORADO STATE COLL. rates Joe Drew as the best defensive tackle ever to play at Greeley. As a junior, Joe knocked down 17 passes and recovered six fumbles. Quarterback Dave Pedersen boasts a strong arm and strong legs. But the Bears will be younger and vulnerable to passes. All-America NAIA and NCAA college split end Bruce Cerone gives KANSAS STATE TEACHERS a threat anytime. Quarterback Bob Leahy, with 117 completions in 205 attempts for 1,698 yards and 17 touchdowns, led CIC in passing and total offense. Junior fullback Charlie D'Amato, who averaged 6.1 yards and scored 11 touchdowns, balances the attack. All 11 defensive starters return, headed by Monster-Man Fred McClain and linebacker Wilbur Coffee. With running backs Al Brooks and Mathew Young totaling 1,589 yards, SOUTHERN COLORADO STATE coach Joe Prater really believes he can make a run at the favorites. Center Fred Gonzales and guard Gene Taylor anchor the offensive line. Quarterbacking poses a problem. Linebacker Phil Davoli heads list of eight returning defensive starters. Tom Stromgren brings a pro-type offense ("we'll throw probably every second or third down,") he promises to augment 20 returning lettermen at FORT HAYS STATE COLLEGE. Quarterback John Covington can throw, but receivers are scarce. Tackles Jim Powell and Frank Tappan and veterans Dennis Spratt and Ken Caywood hope to lead the Tigers up from their 2-7 season a year ago. WASHBURN of Topeka also has a new coach in Bud Elliott, who inherited 29 lettermen. CIC cornerback Reggie Carr is the holdover from the defensive backfield and back-up quarterback Dale Bennett, halfbacks Charlie King and Steve Alston temper the offensive experience. Defensive ace Don Price and receivers Irv McCoy and Jeff Hill lend encouragement.

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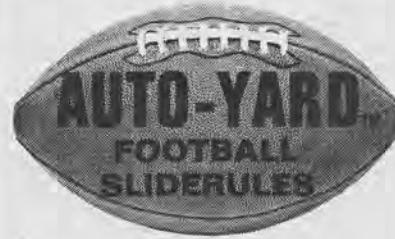
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1. Idaho
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3. Montana St. Univ.
4. Univ. of Montana
5. Idaho State

The 1969 Big Sky football season should be a fight to the finish between the Idaho Vandals and Weber State College's Wildcats. The championship likely will be decided when these two clash Nov. 8 at Ogden, Utah, Weber's home territory. Idaho, with its great Steve Olson to Jerry Hendren passing combination, should win.

A year ago, Idaho, Weber and Montana State wound up in a three-way tie for the league crown. MSU's All-Big Sky quarterback Dennis Erickson has graduated and his absence will keep the Bobcats from being in the title picture a fourth successive year.

Things didn't work out as expected last season for the Montana Grizzlies and the Missoula-based team will be out to improve on its dismal 1968 record. Idaho State appears to be an improved team, especially on offensive, but the Bengals will still find the competition rugged.

IDAHO—This year could be the greatest in Idaho football history. The Vandals return a veteran team and have their finest frosh squad in years coming up for varsity action.

The brightest spot on the horizon for coach Y. C. McNease's Vandals is All-America candidate Jerry Hendren at end. Hendren, who received numerous post-season honors last year, caught 86 passes for 1,457 yards and 14 touchdowns. The pros rate him as one of the best receivers in the nation.

Hendren and his buddy at



By Don Zupan

Sports Editor of the Missoula Missoulian in Montana, Dan Zupan gives lowdown on top teams in the Northwest.

quarterback, Steve Olson, a 6-4, 210-pounder, should terrorize Big Sky opponents through the air. Olson in his sophomore campaign completed 183 passes for 2,591 yards and 19 touchdowns. The Idaho passing duo set 36 all-time Idaho records.

There is more to the Vandal attack than Olson and Hendren, however. Running backs Jeff Guillory with a 4.5 yard per carry average and Jim Wilund with 5.1 average return. Punting specialist Ron Davis, who averaged 42.4 yards per kick is back.

Flanker Jim Wickboldt, with 38 receptions and 612 yards and four touchdowns, returns. Tight ends Mike Dempsey and Dwight Bennett are back. Outstanding sophs Terry Moreland, Jack Goodard and Cliff Burnett will help at ends.

Olson has good help at quarterback in talented sophomore John Hathaway and vet Mitch Lansdell.

Defensively Idaho returns All-Conference linebackers Roosevelt Owens and Joe Tasby. Tackles Bob Haney and Brock Jackley and nose guard Ed Clawson give the Vandals experience. Bob Juba and Wayne Marquess are defensive backs.

WEBER—Coach Sark Arslanian has 24 lettermen back from a Weber squad which was 7-2 in 1968. Biggest losses by graduation were quarterback Paul Waite and flanker Dave MacGillivray.

Fullback Jack Brown and tailback Sam Gipson return. Brown, a 6-foot, 210-pound junior, led Weber in rushing with 735 yards, 5 touchdowns and 4.4 yards per carry. Gipson, a 5-9, 165-pound senior, was second in rushing with 684 yards, 5 touchdowns and a 4.5 average.

Letterman Frank Angone and transfer Buford Wilson, a 6-1, 194-pounder will push Gipson for the starting tailback job.

A newcomer, 5-8 Paul Lemoine, has been working at the No. 1 quarterback spot with red-shirt Bob Linda and transfer Larry Rosello. Bob Quarry is a returning vet who figures in the Weber QB picture.

On the offensive line, lettermen tackles Charles Hayes (247) and Darcy Wingo (241) are outstanding. Bob Rohe, Mike Connors and Craig Stewart back them up.

All-America mention guard Jim Massey (225) and Jim McKinnon



ROCKY TOPE, All-Big Sky tackle, is at old stand on Montana State line.

JERRY HENDREN, Idaho split end, caught 14 touchdown tosses in '68.



(203) have impressed. Letterman Jim Hayes is back. Jerry Mucha handles the center job.

Emmett White is the best end prospect. He saw considerable duty with the Wildcats last season. Squadman Bill Harris, a 237-pounder, and Damon Schlenske, a transfer offer help here.

Weber's defensive line looks rugged. All-America candidate Carter Campbell, a 6-4, 210-pounder at defensive tackle is one of the best in the country. Pete Nepote, a 270-pounder, and Greg McMillan (225) give Weber three of the best middle defensive linemen around.

Defensive end is strong with Russ Melby (263) and Bob Pollard (241) leading the way. Linebackers Greg Croshaw and Gordon Churchill return. The secondary is inexperienced but shows enough potential to give Weber an improve pass defense.

MONTANA STATE—The Bobcats' chances for a fourth straight Big Sky title rest on coach Tom Parac's ability to come up with a winner at quarterback.

Dennis Erickson, the flashy little scrambler who directed the "I" Formation in 31 straight games is gone. So is swift tailback Paul Schafer, who ran for 1,199 yards as a sophomore and record pass catcher Ron Bain.

Though MSU lost heavily by graduation, Parac believes he can build another winner from returning lettermen, JC transfers and some promising sophomores.

Of course quarterback holds the key. Jim Bilsky and Jerry Pitzer, lettermen, have worked at the position but neither played much in 1968. Bill Guffy, a transfer from Treasure Valley, Ore. JC is another QB possibility.

Jay Groepper has the ability to replace Bain at flanker and more help here is expected from transfers. Letterman fullbacks Hans Pidino and Gary Hughes return.

Returnees in the offensive line are tight end Robin Stiff, strong tackle John Winchell, All-League center Gene Wasia and quick guard Dan Korber.

A pair of All-League selections, tackle Rocky Tope and middle guard Eric Wheeler will be the 'Cats defensive leaders along

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with strong Gary Gustafson at end. Other lettermen who will help defensively are Mike Vollmer, Mike Tocher, and Rick Bean.

Starting defensive halfbacks Dean Winder and Don Duntsch are back. JC transfers Bob Wickersham, Preston George and Leon Preston look like the best at roverback and safety positions.

MONTANA—Losses weren't very heavy over-all for the Grizzlies of Jack Swarthout by graduation but they were in key areas. Of the 16 lettermen who departed, 12 were starters at one time or another. Hardest hit was the defensive secondary.

Montana's coaching staff beat the junior college "bushes" hard looking for new talent and came up with 15 boys, mostly backfield men.

Swarthout and Co. plan some major changes offensively and defensively. The key to the offense will be the option play which returning field general Ray Brum will direct.

Top returnees on the offensive line are tackles Bill Gutman and Tuufuli Uperesa, a 6-3, 260-pounder. Uperesa was a unanimous all-Big Sky choice and received All-America honorable mention. Both have good speed.

Replacements will be needed at guard and help is needed at center.

In the backfield, Brum returns after a fine season in the passing department. Other backfield veterans are halfbacks Mike Buzzard and Roy Robinson, who will be pushed for starting honors by transfers John Ochoa and Arnie Blancas. Robinson may be moved to split end.

Tony Gabriel looks like the best bet at fullback. Sophomore Jeff Hoffman and transfer Les Kent should help here.

Defensively, the Grizzly line looks pretty good. Returning are tackles Ole Hedstrom, Jim Nordstrom, John Talolatu and Larry Stranahan with transfers Talman Jones and Don Fowler and Ray Stachnik sure to help. At defensive end the search is on to replace talented Herb White. Tim Gallagher looks like a promising player.

Transfers Tony Bozzo, Dan Short and Carl Stein should help shore up the defensive backfield.

IDAHO STATE—Ed Cavanaugh did a good job of leading his Idaho State Bengals back to a near .500 (4-5) season in 1968 after a 1-9 campaign in 1967.

Idaho State returns 27 lettermen and could surprise in Big Sky action because of such fellows as Little All-America split end Ed (The Flea) Bell and his running mate Carlis Harris. Bell caught 67 passes for 1,086 yards and Harris had 34 receptions.

However, the line let opponents rush through for an average of 200 yards and that is the problem Cavanaugh and Co. will have to lick this year.

ISU boasts a potentially good backfield in quarterback Jerry Dunne, who completed 50 passes for 616 yards; captain Joe Clark, a 205-pounder at fullback; and halfbacks James Jackson and Rick Hulbert. Soph (Baby Bull) fullback Steve Proniewych shouldn't hurt the ISU attack and Bill Brown is a veteran back.

All-Big Sky center candidate Joe McGrath will snap the ball for the Bengals. Three starting offensive linemen, guard Dave Flynt (210) and tackles Ted Knotter (220) and Randy Mattson (215) return. Several outstanding sophomores will challenge for jobs.

Tight end is a bit of a question mark with Jim Wilson the leading candidate. The secondary also poses a big defensive problem with cornerback Ron Taylor the only returning regular. Doug Flint and Tony Scalcucci saw some action last season.

Some outstanding sophomore line backers figure to improve that position. Tri-captain Ambrose Costa, who had 100 tackles last season, returns. Ray Capitanelli and Ross Cattolico also will help.

Junior college transfers and frosh players hope to bolster the defensive line. Ron Shaw (220) and Clayton Vann (265) lead the returning veterans.

Large JC transfers Ted Gill (235), Larry Chandler (250) and Steve Mandelkow (225) may be among the top defensive linemen.

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COLGATE Hamilton, N.Y. 5-5 5-5	Boston Univ. 28-0 ★ U	Cornell 0-17 ✓ U	Yale 14-49 U	Holy Cross 14-6 ★ U	Princeton 14-7 ✓ U	Brown 19-27 ✓ U	Lehigh 27-11 T F	Bucknell 48-34 ✓ F	Lafayette 10-14 ✓ U	Rutgers 34-55 U
COLORADO UNIV. Boulder 4-6 4-6	Tulsa ✓ ★ F	Penn State U	Indiana ✓ • U	Iowa State 28-18 ✓ + F	Oklahoma 41-27 + U	Missouri 14-27 ★ + U	Nebraska 6-22 + F	Kansas 14-27 ✓ + F	Oklahoma State 17-34 ✓ ★ + F	Kansas State 37-14 ★ + F
COLORADO STATE UNIV. Fort Collins 2-8 4-6	Brigham Young + • U	Wichita 37-15 ★ F	Wyoming 14-16 + U	Utah State ✓ U	West Texas State 17-23 ★ U	Air Force Academy 0-31 U	El Paso (U. Texas) 19-23 ★ + U		Idaho ✓ ★ U	Arizona St. + • U
COLORADO MINES Golden 4-4 6-7	Colorado College 63-7 ★ F	Hastings 43-18 •	Colorado State College ★ • F	Fort Lewis 35-14 + F	New Mexico Highlands 14-85 ★ •	Colorado Western ★ + F		Adams 0-7 State + U	Westminster 14-19 ★ + F	South Colorado State 45-21 + F
COLUMBIA New York, N.Y. 2-7 1-8	Lafayette 14-36 ★ F	Princeton 16-44 ★ + U	Harvard 14-21 + U	Yale 7-29 ★ + U	Rutgers 17-28 U	Cornell 34-25 + U	Dartmouth 19-31 ★ + U	Pennsylvania 7-13 ★ + U	Brown 46-20 ✓ + U	
CONNECTICUT Storrs 5-3-4-6 5-3-4-6	Vermont 21-0 ✓ + F	Yale 14-31 ✓ U	N. Hampshire 10-17 ★ + U		Maine 29-0 ✓ + F	Massachusetts 27-20 ★ + F	Boston Univ. 23-33 T	Rutgers 25-27 ✓ ★ U	Rhode Island 35-6 + F	Holy Cross 24-27 ★ U
CORNELL Ithaca, N.Y. 3-6 3-6	Colgate 17-0 ★ F	Rutgers 17-16 F	Princeton 13-41 ★ + U	Harvard 0-10 ✓ U	Yale 13-25 + U	Columbia 25-34 ✓ ★ + F	Brown 31-0 ✓ ★ + U	Dartmouth 6-27 + U	Pennsylvania 8-10 + U	
DARTMOUTH Hanover, N.H. 4-5 4-5	New Hampshire 21-0 F	Holy Cross 17-29 ★ F	Pennsylvania 21-26 ★ U	Brown 48-0 ✓ + F	Harvard 7-23 ✓ + U	Yale 24-47 ✓ + F	Columbia 31-19 + F	Cornell 27-6 ★ + F	Princeton 7-34 + U	
DAVIDSON No. Carolina 3-6 7-3	Gulford ✓ •	Furman 23-7 ✓ + • F	Trinity (Tex.) ✓ U	Richmond 14-24 ✓ + U	Wm. & Mary + F	Citadel 21-28 + U	V.M.I. 25-21 ✓ + F	East Carolina + U	Wofford 24-9 ★ F	Vanderbilt 20-53 U
DAYTON Ohio 5-5 3-7	Kent State Sept. 13 5-5-10 Miami (O.) 0-14 ★ U	Bowling Green 14-20 ★ + U	Louisville 28-14 • T	Buffalo F	Northern Illinois ✓ F	Akron ✓ F	Xavier (O.) 25-27 ★ F	Villanova U	Toledo 10-3 • U	
DELAWARE Newark 7-3 3-2	Gettysburg ✓ ★ F	Villanova 0-16 ★ F	Massachusetts 28-23 ✓ F	Hofstra 35-0 ✓ + F	West Chester 23-0 ★ F	Temple 50-27 ✓ + F	Rutgers 14-23 ✓ ★ F	Lehigh 37-13 ✓ ★ + F	Boston Univ. 41-13 F	Bucknell 38-12 ✓ + F
DICKINSON Carlisle, Pa. 1-7 5-3	Leb. Valley 6-49 ✓	Swarthmore 11-21 ★	Haverford 7-13 ✓	Fr. & Marshall 7-24 ✓ ★	Muhlenberg 0-48 ✓	Wilkes 0-28	Ursinus 14-47 ★	Johns Hopkins 6-47 ★		
DRAKE Des Moines, Iowa 5-5 38-37	Louisville Sept. 13 So. Dak. St. 28-20 F	North Texas State ✓ U		Northern Iowa 19-21 ★ F	Omaha 32-14 • F	Western Illinois 28-49 U	South Dakota 14-46 • U	Arkansas State 20-21 F	Southern Illinois 20-21 F	Idaho State p
DUKE Durham, N.C. 4-6 3-6-1	South Carolina 14-7 + • U	Virginia 20-50 + F	Pittsburgh ★ T	Wake Forest 18-3 ✓ + F	Maryland 30-28 + F	North Carolina State 15-17 T + U	Georgia Tech 46-30 T	Clemson 22-39 ✓ ★ + F	Virginia Tech (Norfolk) U	North Carolina 14-25 ★ + F
EAST CAROLINA UNIV. Greenville, N.C. 2-7-4-6 2-7-4-6	Eastern Tennessee 7-17 ★ F	Louisiana Tech 7-35 ★ + U	Citadel 23-14 ★ + U		Richmond 7-31 + • U	Southern Illinois F	Furman 24-13 ★ + + F	Davidson ★ + F	Marshall 49-29 F	Southern Mississippi 0-65 ★ U
EAST KENTUCKY UNIV. Richmond 8-2	Ball State ★	Eastern Tennessee 23-20 + • F	Austin Peay 21-20 ✓ + F	Middle Tennessee 49-21 + • F	Akron 20-31 • T	Western Kentucky 16-17 ★ + U	Murray State 21-20 + U	Tennessee Tech 38-14 ★ + F	Indiana State ★	Morehead 35-7 + F
EAST STROUDSBURG Penns. 8-0-1 8-0-1	Montclair St. ★	West Chester 48-14 ★ + F	Kutztown 23-7 + F	Cheyney 63-0 F	Mansfield 37-0 ★ + F	Millersville 41-21 ★ + F	Delaware State 47-7 *	Bloomsburg 70-14 F	Conference Championship Game	
EAST TENNESSEE Johnson City 5-5 17-7	Appalachian Sept. 13 East Carolina U	Eastern Kentucky 20-23 ★ + U	Western Kentucky 0-23 + U	Tennessee Tech 14-6 + • F	Chattanooga 6-16 • U	Murray State 17-30 ★ + U		Morehead 16-13 + F	Middle Tennessee 24-21 ★ + F	Austin Peay 17-8 + F
EL PASO U. OF TEXAS 4-5-1 4-5-1	Pacific U. of ★ • T	New Mexico 44-15 ★ + F	Utah ★ + U	Wyoming 19-26 + U	Arizona 0-25 + • U	Brigham Young 31-25 ★ + U	Colorado State Univ.	New Mexico State 30-14 ★ + U	Arizona State 19-31 ★ + + U	Xavier (O.) Nov. 27 ★ T
FLORIDA A&M Tallahassee 8-1		Allen Univ. 48-0	South Carolina 25-3 ★ + U	Alabama A&M 33-7 + •	Morris Brown 7-0 ★ +	Tennessee State 32-13 •		North Carolina A&T 6-9	Southern Univ. 33-24 ★ +	R. Cookman 23-20 ★ + •
FLORIDA 6-3-1 Gainesville 8-1-1 8-1-1	Houston ✓ U	Miss. State (Jackson, Miss.) 31-14 + • F	Florida State 9-3 ✓ U	Tulane (Tampa, Fla.) 24-3 F	North Carolina 7-22 ★ T	Vanderbilt 14-14 ★ + U	Auburn 13-24 + U	Georgia (Jacksonville) 0-51 T + U	Kentucky 16-14 ★ + F	Miami (Fla.) Nov. 9 14-10 • U
FLORIDA STATE Tallahassee 8-2 6-3-1	Wichita ★ • F	Miami (Fla.) Sept. 26	Florida 3-9 F		Tulsa F	Mississippi State 27-14 ★ + F	South Carolina 35-25 ★ F	Virginia Tech 22-40 T	Memphis State 20-10 ★ + F	N.C. State 48-7 ★ + F
FRANKLIN & MARSHALL Lancaster, Pa. 6-2		Ursinus 17-0 ✓ +	Johns Hopkins 27-6 ★ +	Swarthmore 12-3 +	Dickinson 24-7 +	Carnegie-Mellon 6-7	Lebanon Valley 19-17 ★ +	Haverford 31-0 +	Muhlenberg 13-18 ★ +	
FRESNO STATE Calif. 7-3	Pomona ★ • F	Montana St. U	Pacific U. of 10-3 + • U	San Fernando 35-12 + F	Cal Poly SLO 17-0 + F	Los Angeles 42-20 ★ + • F	San Diego 12-12 ★ + + U	Long Beach 34-28 + • U	North Arizona ★ •	Portland St. 30-14 ★ +
FURMAN Greenville, S.C. 1-9 1-9	Presbyterian 12-9 ✓	Davidson 7-28 ★ + • U	Carson-Newman 7-13 ★	Wofford 7-13	Samford 12-17 U		East Carolina 13-24 + • U	Richmond 0-34 ★ + • U	Citadel 12-31 + U	Miss. College 12-21 ★ +
GEORGIA Athens 8-0-2 5-4-1	Tulane ✓ ★ F	Clemson 31-13 F	South Carolina 21-20 ★ F	Mississippi (Jackson) 21-7 + F	Vanderbilt 32-6 ★ + F	Kentucky 35-14 ★ + F	Tennessee 17-17 ★ + F	Florida (Jacksonville) 51-0 T + F	Auburn 17-3 ★ + F	Georgia Tech Nov. 29 47-8 F
GEORGIA TECH Atlanta 4-6 4-6	Southern Methodist ★ U	Baylor ✓ T	Clemson 24-21 ★ F	Tennessee 7-24 U	Auburn 21-20 ★ U	Southern California U	Duke 30-16 ★ T	Tulane 23-19 F	Notre Dame 0-34 ★ + U	Georgia Nov. 29 8-47 ★ U
GETTYSBURG Penn. 1-8 7-2	Kings Point Sept. 13 Delaware + U	Hofstra 10-26 + • U	Bucknell 12-7 ★ + U	Albright 20-21 *	Drexel ✓ ★	Lehigh 14-34 + U	Lafayette 0-37 ★ + U	Temple 11-30 + U		
GRAMBLING Louisiana 8-2	Alcorn A&M 13-28 + U	McGraw	Prairie View 22-14 ✓ + • F	Tenn. State 30-21		Jackson St. 35-33 ✓ + F	Tex. Southern 28-18 ★ + F	Ark. AM&N 46-20 + F		
HARVARD Cambridge, Mass. 8-0-1 8-0-1		Holy Cross 27-20 ★ F	Boston Univ. ★ F	Columbia 21-14 ★ + F	Cornell 10-0 + F	Dartmouth 22-7 ★ + F	Pennsylvania 28-6 + U	Princeton 9-7 ★ + F	Brown 31-7 + F	Yale 29-29 + F
HAWAII UNIV. Honolulu 7-3	New Mexico Highlands ★ *	Central Washington ★ 6	Puget Sound 38-28 •	Long Beach ★ U	Santa Clara 23-12 F	Nevada (Las Vegas) 21-0	Los Angeles 33-46 ★ + F	Los Angeles 33-46 ★ + F	Linfield 35-13 ★ +	Santa Barbara 14-49
										Oregon Nov. 29

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HOFSTRA 5-5 Hempstead, N.Y. O-10	Bucknell ★+F	Gettysburg 26-10 ★+•F	Lafayette 0-7 ★+F	Delaware 0-35 ★+U	Temple 12-20 +•U	Bridgeport 30-16 ★+F	Maine 7-42 T	Kings Point 9-13 F	Wagner 26-7	C. W. Post Nov. 27 11-7 *
HOLY CROSS 8-6-1 Worcester, Mass. O-2		Harvard 20-27 U	Dartmouth 29-17 U	Colgate 6-14 F CANCEL	Buffalo *F CANCEL	Syracuse 0-47 U	Villanova ★F CANCEL	Massachusetts 47-20 F CANCEL	Rutgers 14-41 ★F CANCEL	Connecticut 27-24 C F Boston Coll. Nov. 29 20-40 C+U
HOUSTON TEXAS 6-2-2 8-2	Florida F	Oklahoma State 17-21 F	Mississippi State ★+F	Arizona ✓		Mississippi 29-7 ★+F	Miami (Fla.) ★F	Tulsa 100-6 F	North Carolina State T	Wyoming ✓ *+T Florida State Nov. 29 20-40 L+U
IDAHO Moscow 5-5 2-8	Northern Illinois •F	Idaho State 35-15 ★+F	Southern Miss. Oct. 3 (Mobile, Ala.) ✓+T	Montana 56-45 +F	Pacific U. of 31-14 F	Montana State 14-17 ★+F	Oregon 8-23 U	Weber State 50-42 +F	Colorado State Univ. F	Utah State *U
IDAHO STATE Pocatello 4-5	Parsons ★F	Idaho 15-35 ✓+U	Omaha 16-13 ★F	Montana State 14-31 ★+U	Montana 23-13 +U	Weber State 16-23 ★+U	Portland St. 52-30 ✓	Las Vegas F	Boise State 20-27	Drake ★U
ILLINOIS Champaign 1-9 0-10	Washington State ★T	Missouri 0-44 U	Iowa State ★F	Northwestern 14-0 ★+F	Indiana 14-28 +U	Ohio State 24-31 +U	Purdue 17-35 ★+U	Michigan 0-36 ★+U	Wisconsin +F	Iowa 13-37 ★+U
INDIANA Bloomington 6-4 4-6	Kentucky F	California ★T	Colorado F	Minnesota 6-20 ★+F	Illinois 28-14 ★+F	Wisconsin 21-20 +F	Michigan State 24-22 ✓+U	Iowa 38-34 ★+F	Northwestern +F	Purdue 35-38 ★+F
IOWA Iowa City 5-5 5-5	Oregon State 21-20 ★U	Wash. State ★F	Arizona ✓	Wisconsin 41-0 +F	Purdue 14-44 +U	Michigan State ✓+U	Minnesota 25-28 ★+U	Indiana 34-38 ✓+U	Michigan ★+U	Illinois 37-13 ✓+F
IOWA STATE Ames 3-7 3-7	Syracuse U	Brigham Young 28-20 ✓+F	Illinois ✓	Colorado 18-28 ★+U	Kansas State 23-14 +U	Kansas 25-16 ★+U	Oklahoma 7-42 +U	Nebraska 13-24 +U	Missouri 7-42 ★+U	Oklahoma State 17-26 ★+F
KANSAS Lawrence 9-0-1 1-9	Texas Tech •T	Syracuse ✓+U	New Mexico 68-7 ★F	Kansas State 38-29 ★+U	Nebraska 23-13 +U	Iowa State 46-25 +F	Oklahoma St. 49-14 ★+F	Colorado 27-14 ★+U	Oklahoma 23-27 +U	Missouri 21-19 ★+U
KANSAS STATE Manhattan 5-4-6 5-5	Baylor ✓+T	Arizona ✓+U	Penn State 9-25 ★U	Kansas 29-38 ✓+F	Iowa State 14-23 ✓+F	Oklahoma 20-35 ✓+U	Missouri 20-56 +U	Oklahoma St. 21-14 +F	Nebraska 12-0 ★+F	Colorado 14-37 +U
KENT STATE Ohio 1-9 5-5	Dayton Sept. 13 10-24 ✓+U Ohio Univ. 7-31	Xavier (O.) 7-23	Buffalo 13-21 ✓+U	Western Michigan 0-14 +U	Bowling Green 7-30 ★+U	Toledo 12-28 +•U	Louisville 9-23 ★U	Marshall 36-12 ★+F	Miami (O.) 0-24 ★+U	
KENTUCKY Lexington 3-7 2-8	Indiana ★U	Mississippi 14-30 ★+U	Auburn 7-26 +U	Virginia Tech ✓	Louisiana State 3-13 ★+U	Georgia 14-35 +U	West Virginia 35-16 ★F	Vanderbilt 0-6 +U	Florida 14-16 +U	Tennessee 7-24 ★+U
KINGS POINT Merchant Marine Academy New York 8-1 8-1	Gettysburg Sept. 13 28-8 F	Adelphi 31-0	Union 19-13		C. W. Post 16-7	Wagner 24-0 *	Hobart	Hofstra 13-0 ★U	Drexel	
LAFAVETTE 6-6-7 Easton, Pa. 7-3	Rutgers 7-37 ★U	Columbia 36-14 ✓+U	Hofstra 7-0 ✓+U	Drexel 27-0 ✓*	Boston Univ. ★T	Bucknell 10-13 ★+F	Gettysburg 37-0 +F	Vermont ✓	Colgate 14-10 ★F	Lehigh 6-21 +U
LAMAR TECH Beaumont, Tex. 0-10	McNeese St. 0-10 •T	Southeast Louisiana ✓	New Mexico State 14-16 ★+U	Southern Illinois 7-24 ★+U	Abilene Christian 14-38 +•U	Southwest Louisiana 14-20 ★+U	Arkansas State 17-18 ★+U	Trinity (Tex.) 20-24 ★+T	Louisiana Tech 7-34 •U	Arlington (U. Texas) 20-37 +•U
LEHIGH 6-6-7 Bethlehem, Pa. 12-28	Citadel ★U	Ithaca ✓+F	Wittenberg 14-37 U	Rutgers 26-29 ✓+T	Pennsylvania 0-34 U	Gettysburg 34-14 ★+F	Colgate 11-27 T★U	Delaware 13-37 +U	Bucknell 27-31 ✓+F	Lafayette 21-6 ✓+F
LOUISIANA STATE UNIV. Baton Rouge 7-3	Texas A&M 13-12 ★+F	Rice 21-7	Baylor 48-16 ★+F	Miami (Fla.) 0-30 ✓+T	Kentucky 13-3 +•F	Auburn ✓+F	Mississippi (Jackson) 24-27 +F	Alabama 7-16 ★+•F	Mississippi State 20-16 ★+F	Tulane 34-10 ★+F
LOUISVILLE Kentucky 5-5 5-4-1	Drake Sept. 13 37-38 T U So. Illinois 33-10 ★+F		Dayton 14-28 ★+T		Marshall 13-10 ★+F	North Texas State 14-36 +U	Kent State 23-9 F	Cincinnati 7-37 ★+U	Wichita 21-14 ★+F	Memphis St. 14-14 +U Tulsa Nov. 27 16-7 +F
MAINE Orono 5-4-3-5	Massachusetts 3-21 ★+U	So. Conn. St. ★	Rhode Island 21-14 +F	N. Hampshire 17-43 ★+U	Connecticut 21-29 ★+U	Boston Univ. 3-6 T	Hofstra 42-7 ✓+T	Citadel •U	Vermont 28-0 ✓+F	
MARSHALL Huntington, W. Va. 3-7 West Va. 0-1	Morehead F	Toledo 12-35 ★+U	No. Illinois ★U	Miami (O.) 0-46 +U	Louisville 10-13 •U	West Mich. 12-40 +U	Bowling Green 28-54 ★+U	Kent State 12-36 +U	East Carolina 20-49 ★U	Ohio Univ. 8-48 ★+U
MARYLAND College Park 2-8 3-7	West Virginia U	North Carolina State 11-31 ★+U	Wake Forest 14-38 +•U	Syracuse 13-32 ★U	Duke 28-30 ★+U	South Carolina 21-19 +•U	Clemson 0-16 +U	Miami (O.) ★F	Penn State 13-57 U	Virginia 23-28 ★+U
MASSACHUSETTS Amherst 6-3-2-8	Maine 21-3 ✓+F	Buffalo 0-23 ★U	Delaware 22-28 ★U	Boston Univ. 7-21 ✓+U	Rhode Island 9-14 ★+F	Connecticut 20-27 ✓+U	Vermont 20-47 ★+F	Holy Cross 20-47 ★+U	N. Hampshire 20-16 ✓+U	Boston College 6-21 U
MEMPHIS STATE Tenn. 7-21	Mississippi U	No. Tex. St. 30-12 ★+F	Tennessee 17-24 ★+U	Cincinnati ✓+F	Miami (Fla.) ★+U	Utah State T	Tulsa 32-6 ★+•F	Southern Miss. 29-7 ★+F	Florida State 10-20 ✓+U	Louisville 44-14 ★+F
MIAMI (FLA.) Coral Gables 5-5 4-6		Florida State Sept. 26 ★U	North Carolina State Oct. 3 30-0 ★+T	Louisiana State 10-29 ★+U	Memphis State •F	Texas Christian Oct. 24	Houston U	Navy Nov. 7 ★+F	Alabama 6-14 T	Wake Forest Nov. 21 ✓+F Florida Nov. 29 10-14 ★+F
MIAMI (O.) Oxford 7-3 7-3	Xavier Sept. 13 28-7 ★+F Dayton 14-0 ✓+F	Western Michigan 28-0 +F		Marshall 48-0 ★+F	Ohio Univ. 7-24 ★+U	Bowling Green 31-7 +F	Toledo 21-17 ★+F	Maryland U	Kent State 24-0 +F	Cincinnati 21-23 F
MICHIGAN An Arbor 8-2-2	Vanderbilt ★F	Washington ★T	Missouri ★U	Purdue ✓+•U	Michigan State 28-14 +U	Minnesota 33-20 ✓+F	Wisconsin 34-0 ✓+F	Illinois 36-0 ✓+F	Iowa ✓+F	Ohio State 14-50 ★+U
MICHIGAN STATE East Lansing 5-5	Washington ★F	Southern Methodist ★F	Notre Dame 21-17 T	Ohio State 20-25 +U	Michigan 14-23 ★+F	Iowa +F	Indiana 22-24 ★+F	Purdue 0-9 +F	Minnesota 13-14 ★+F	Northwestern 31-14 ★+F
MIDDLE TENNESSEE Murfreesboro 2-8	Pensacola Navy	Morehead 27-18 +•U	Chattanooga 15-28 ★+U	Eastern Kentucky 21-49 ★+•U	Murray State 13-35 ★+U	Austin Peay 13-46 +•U	Ball State	Western Kentucky 2-43 ★+U	East Tennessee 21-24 +U	Tenn. Tech Nov. 27 3-7 ★+U
MINNESOTA Minneapolis 6-1	Arizona State T	Ohio Univ. ★F	Nebraska 14-17 ★F	Indiana 20-6 +U	Ohio State ★+U	Michigan 20-33 ★+U	Iowa 28-35 ✓+F	Northwestern 14-13 ★+F	Michigan State 14-13 ✓+U	Wisconsin 23-15 ✓+F
MISSISSIPPI 6-3-1 University, Miss. 7-2-1	Memphis State 22-7	Kentucky 30-14 ★+F	Alabama (Birm.'ham) 10-8 +•U	Georgia (Jackson) 7-21 ✓+U	Southern Mississippi 21-13 ★F	Houston 7-29 •U	Louisiana State (Jackson) 27-24 ✓+U	Chattanooga 38-16 ★+F	Tennessee (Jackson) 0-31 +U	Mississippi State Nov. 27 17-17 ★+F
MISSISSIPPI STATE 0-3-2 State College, Miss.	Richmond ✓+F	Florida (Jackson) 14-31 +•U	Houston •U	Southern Mississippi 14-47 ✓+U	Texas Tech 28-28 ✓+U	Florida State 14-27 •U	Alabama (Jackson) 13-20 +•U	Auburn 0-26 +U	Louisiana State 16-20 +•U	Mississippi Nov. 27 17-17 ★+F
MISSOURI Columbia 9-7-3	Air Force Academy ★F	Illinois (St. Louis) 44-0 ✓+F	Michigan ✓	Nebraska 10-14 ✓+F	Oklahoma State 42-7 ✓+F	Colorado 27-14 +F	Kansas State 56-20 ✓+F	Oklahoma 14-28 ★+F	Iowa State 42-7 ✓+F	Kansas 19-21 ✓+F
MONTANA UNIVERSITY Missoula 2-7 10-0	North Dakota Sept. 13 37-10 F South Dakota (Great Falls) 0-21 ✓+U	Northern Arizona 0-18 ★	Weber State 16-21 +•U	Idaho 45-56 ★+U	Idaho State 13-23 ★+F	Portland State 58-0	Montana State 24-29 +U	Calif. Poly San Luis Obispo ★F	South Dakota State ★F	

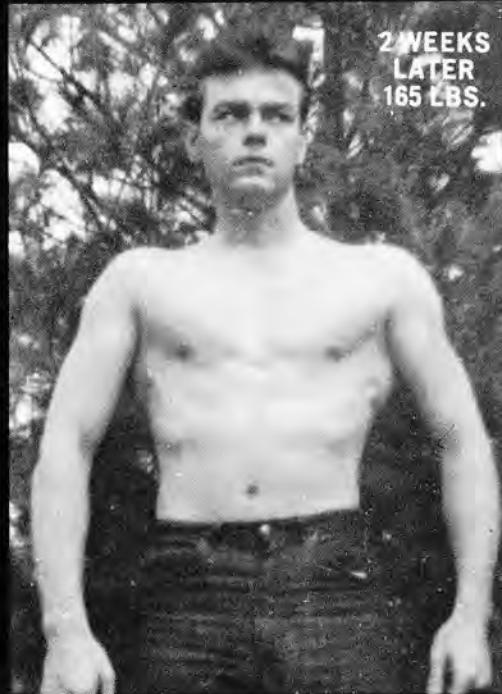
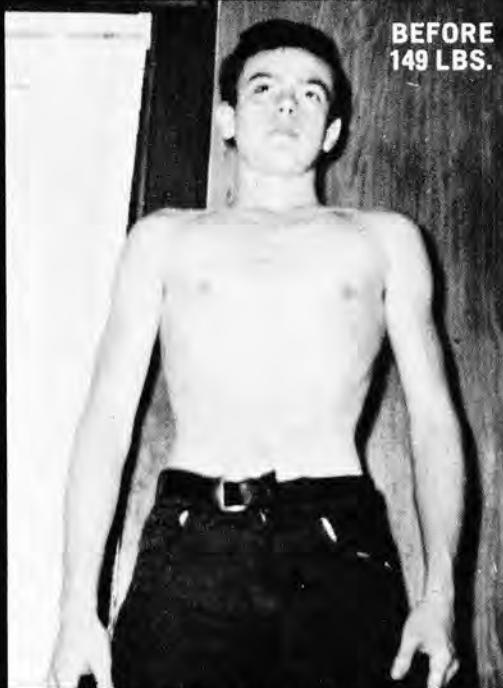
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MONTANA STATE UNIV. Bozeman 6-4	Portland St. Sept. 13 (Billings) 17-0	Fresno State 18-37 ★ F	Northern Arizona 20-15	Idaho State 31-14 + F	Weber State 14-20 ★ + U	Idaho 17-14 + U	Montana 29-24 ★ + F	Eastern Michigan		
MUHLENBERG Allentown, Pa. 6-3		Johns Hopkins 28-30 +	Haverford 32-6 ★ +	Leb. Valley 29-39 +	Ursinus 45-6 +	Dickinson 48-0 ★ +	Swarthmore 55-6 +	Lycoming 21-13 ★ +	Fr. & Marshall 18-13 +	Moravian 15-47 ★ +
MURRAY STATE Kentucky 7-2-1	East. Michigan ★ •	Tennessee Tech 19-0 ★ + • F	Morehead 28-21 ★ + • F	Southeast Missouri 27-14 ★ •	Middle Tennessee 35-13 + F	Eastern Tennessee 30-17 + F	Austin Peay 35-56 ★ + F	Evansville 53-22	Western Kentucky 17-14 + U	
MUSKINGUM 6-2-1 New Concord, O. 13-13 ★ •	West Liberty 0-7 ★ + • F	Marietta 7-7 ★ + • F	Baldwin Wallace 8-19 ★ + F	Ashland	Ohio Wesleyan 3-19 + U	Capital 9-0 ★ + F	Denison 13-7 ★ + F	Heidelberg 31-0 + F	Findlay	
NAVY 2-8 Annapolis, Md. 1-9	Penn State 6-31 ★ U	Boston College 15-49 F	Texas 6-16 • U	Pittsburgh 17-16 U	Rutgers F	Virginia 0-24 ★ T	Notre Dame 14-45 U	Miami (Fla.) Nov. 7 • U	Syracuse 6-44 ★ U	Army Nov. 29 (Philadelphia) 14-21 U
NEBRASKA Lincoln 6-4 8-2	Southern California ★ U	Texas A&M ★ T	Minnesota 17-14 U	Missouri 14-16 + U	Kansas 13-23 ★ + F	Oklahoma State 21-20 ★ + F	Colorado 22-6 ★ + U	Iowa State 24-13 ★ + F	Kansas State 0-12 + U	Okahoma 0-47 ★ + U
NEVADA Reno 3-6-1 13-40 ★	Willamette 17-13 • U	Santa Barbara 15-20 ★ F	Chico State 7-7 ★ F	Hayward St. 14-17 • F	Sacramento St. 17-20	Humboldt St. 24-25 1 ★ F	U.C. Davis 21-7	San Fran. St. 48-13 F	San Fran. U. 16-0 ★ + F	Las Vegas ★ F
NEW HAMPSHIRE Durham 6-2	Dartmouth 0-21 ★ U	Connecticut 17-10 + F	Maine 42-17 + F	Vermont 10-12 ★ + F	Northeastern 26-3 ★ F	Rhode Island 27-6 + F	Springfield 17-10 F	Massachusetts 16-0 ★ + F		
NEW MEXICO Albuquerque 0-10 4-6	Army U	El Paso 15-44 ★ + • U	Kansas 7-68 ★ • U	Brigham Young 6-35 + • U	Utah 7-30 ★ + • U	Arizona 8-19 + • U	San Jose State 24-55 U	Arizona State 28-63 ★ + U	Wyoming 6-35 ★ + U	New Mexico State 6-33 1 • U
NEW MEXICO STATE UNIV. Las Cruces 5-5 5-5	Howard Payne ★ • F	Arlington 21-20 • F	Lamar Tech 16-14 • F	Wichita 47-21 F	North Texas State 14-23 U	West Texas State 14-23 U		El Paso 14-30 F	San Diego State F	New Mexico 33-6 ★ • F
NORTH CAROLINA Chapel Hill 5-7 5-5	North Carolina State 6-38 + U	South Carolina 27-32 + • U	Vanderbilt 8-7 U	Air Force Academy 15-28 ★ U	Florida 22-7 T	Wake Forest 31-48 ★ + F	Virginia 6-41 + F	V.M.I. 14-24 ★ + U	Clemson 25-14 + U	Duke 7-48 ★ U
NO. CAROLINA STATE Raleigh 6-4 3-6-1	Wake Forest Sept. 13 10-6 ★ + • F	Maryland 31-11 + F	Miami (Fla.) Oct. 3 • F	South Carolina 36-12 + • F	Virginia 19-0 + F	Duke 17-15 ★ + F			Houston ★ T	Florida State 7-48 Penn State Nov. 29 ★ U
NORTH DAKOTA UNIV. Grand Forks 8-5	Montana Sept. 13 10-37 ★ U	Montana State 7-41 U	South Dakota 16-17 + U		South Dakota State 21-16 ★ + F	North Dakota State 8-14 + U	Augustana 39-20 ★ + F	Morningside 37-20 ★ + F	Northern Iowa 10-14 + F	
NORTH DAKOTA STATE Fargo 9-0 9-0	No. Illinois Sept. 13 31-13 ★ • F	Michigan 49-7 • F	Omaha 35-13 ★ + • F	South Dakota 70-18 + • F	North Dakota 14-8 ★ + F	Morningside 42-14 ★ + F	Northern Iowa 31-15 ★ + F	South Dakota State 21-3 + F		
NORTHEASTERN BOSTON, MASS. 6-3	C.W. Post 22-28 ★	Bridgeport 42-19 • F	Vermont U	American Int. 30-13	Springfield 10-7 ★ U	N. Hampshire 3-26 U	East Michigan 0-41 ★	Cortland 20-17 V	Temple 41-26 ★ U	
NORTHERN ILLINOIS 2-8 Dekalb 13-31 ★ U	No. Dak. St. Sept. 13 13-31 ★ U	West Texas State • U	Marshall F	Western Kentucky ★ • U	Dayton U	Bali State 40-20		Toledo ★ U	Western Michigan ★ F	Bowling Green 7-6 U
NORTHERN IOWA Cedar Falls 5-5	No. Michigan Sept. 13 13-24 Central Mich. ★ •	Augustana 34-12 ★ + • F	South Dakota State 38-10 + F	Drake 21-19 U	Morningside 13-14 + • F	South Dakota 7-13 ★ + • U	North Dakota State 15-31 + U	North Dakota 14-10 ★ + U	Western Illinois 33-6 ★	
NORTH TEXAS STATE Denton 8-2	Southwest Louisiana ★ • F	Memphis State 12-30 + • U	Drake F	Weber State ★ F	New Mexico State 47-20 V F	Louisville 36-14 ★ + F	Cincinnati 55-34 + F	Wichita 44-6 ★ + F	Tulsa 20-17 ★ + F	San Diego State • F
NORTHWESTERN Evanston, Ill. 1-0	Notre Dame 7-27 U	Southern Cal. 7-24 • U	U.C.L.A. ★ U	Illinois 0-14 V + U	Wisconsin 13-10 ★ + F	Purdue 6-43 + U	Ohio State 21-45 ★ + U	Minnesota + U	Indiana 14-31 ★ + U	Michigan State 14-31 ★ + U
NOTRE DAME Indiana 7-2-1 8-1-1	Northwestern 27-7 ★ F	Purdue 22-37 F	Michigan State 17-21 ★ T	Army (New York City) ★ F	Southern Cal 21-21 ★ T	Tulane T F	Navy 45-14 ★ F	Pittsburgh 56-7 F	Georgia Tech 34-6 • F	Air Force ★ T
OHIO STATE 0-0 Columbus 8-1		Texas Christian ★ F	Washington V F	Michigan State 25-20 ★ + F	Minnesota + F	Illinois 31-24 ★ + F	Northwestern 45-21 + F	Wisconsin 43-8 + F	Purdue 13-0 ★ + F	Michigan 50-14 + F
OHIO UNIV. 10-0 Athens 5-4-1	Kent State 31-7 V + • F	Minnesota U	Toledo 40-31 + • F	Xavier V F	Miami (O.) 24-7 F	Penn State U	West Michigan 34-27 ★ + F	Bowling Green 28-27 ★ + F	Cincinnati 60-48 V F	Marshall 48-8 V + F
OHIO WESLEYAN Delaware, O. 8-1		De Pauw ★	Heidelberg 35-7 ★ + F	Wooster 43-7 + F	Muskingum 19-3 ★ + F	Wabash 39-0	Baldwin Wallace 20-26 ★ + F	Oberlin 64-0 + F	Mount Union 24-11 ★ + F	Denison 44-8 + F
OKLAHOMA 7-3 Norman 6-4	Wisconsin V	Pittsburgh ★ F			Texas (Dallas) 20-26 U	Colorado 27-41 ★ + F	Kansas State 35-20 + F	Iowa State 42-7 ★ + F	Missouri 28-14 + U	Kansas 27-23 ★ + F
OKLAHOMA STATE Stillwater 3-7 5-5	Arkansas (Little Rock) 15-32 U	Houston 21-17 ★ U	Texas Tech ★ U			Missouri 7-42 + U	Nebraska 20-21 + U	Kansas 14-49 + U	Kansas State 14-21 ★ + U	Colorado 34-17 + U
OMAHA Nebraska	Morningside 13-18 F	No. Dak. St. 7-49 ★ • U	Idaho State 13-16 U	Pittsburgh St. 14-7 ★ + F	Drake 14-32 ★ U	Washburn 47-0 + F	Emporia State 27-26 ★ + F	Ft. Hays St. 32-14 + F	South Dakota F	
OREGON UNIVERSITY Eugene 4-6 5-4-1	Utah 14-6 F	Stanford 12-28 + U	Washington State 27-13 + F	San Jose State ★ F	Air Force Academy U	Washington 3-0 ★ + U	Idaho 23-8 ★ F	Army T	U.C.L.A. ★ + U	Oregon State 19-41 ★ + U
OREGON STATE UNIV. Corvallis 7-3 6-4	Iowa 20-21 V F	UCLA Sept. 13 45-21 + • U	Arizona State 28-9 • F	Southern California 13-17 ★ + U		Washington 35-21 + F	Utah (Portland) 24-21 * F	Stanford 29-7 ★ + U	California + U	Oregon 41-19 + F
PACIFIC U. OF Stockton, Cal. 6-4	El Paso Sept. 13 6-4	West. Mich. ★ F	Utah State 18-7 U	Fresno State 3-10 ★ + • F	Santa Barbara 27-21 ★ + • F	Idaho 14-31 ★ U		Washington State U	San Diego State + • U	San Jose State 28-0 + F
PARSONS 5-4 Fairfield, Iowa	Idaho State U	Tampa • U	Cameron St. 48-12 •	Quantico Marines 13-7 *	UT-Martin *	Kentucky State 20-14 *	Lincoln 28-20		Weber State ★ U	N.E. Missouri 9-14 Tenn. State Nov. 27 12-21
PENNSYLVANIA Philadelphia 7-3 4-5	Bucknell 27-10 V F	Brown 17-134 ★ + F	Dartmouth 26-21 + F	Lehigh 34-0 V F	Princeton 19-14 + F	Harvard 6-28 ★ + F	Yale 13-30 + F	Columbia 13-7 V F	Cornell 10-8 ★ + F	

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PENN STATE 10-0 Univ. Park, Pa. 10-0	Navy 31-6 ✓ F	Colorado ★ F	Kansas State 25-0 ✓	West Virginia 31-20 ★ F	Syracuse 30-12 ✓	Ohio Univ. ★ F	Boston College 29-0 ★ F		Maryland 57-13 ✓ ★ F	Pittsburgh 65-0 No. Car. St. Nov. 20 ✓ F
PITTSBURGH 6-1-9 Penna. 4-6-1-9	U.C.L.A. 7-63 ★ U	Oklahoma U	Duke ✓ T	Navy 16-17 ✓ ★ F	Tulane ★ T	West Virginia 15-38 F	Syracuse 17-50 ✓ ★ U	Notre Dame 7-56 ★ U	Army 0-26 ✓ U	Penn State 9-65 ★ U
PRINCETON 4-5 New Jersey 6-3	Rutgers 14-20 F	Columbia 44-16 ✓ + F	Cornell 41-13 ✓ + F	7-14 ★ F	Colgate 14-19 ★ + U	Pennsylvania 15-38 ✓ + F	Brown 50-7 ✓ ★ + F	Harvard 7-9 ✓ + U	Yale 17-42 ★ + F	Dartmouth 24-7 ✓ + F
PURDUE 8-2 Lafayette, Ind. 9-2	Texas Christian 37-22 ✓ U	Notre Dame 37-22 ✓ U	Stanford ✓ U	Michigan 14-14 ✓ + F	Iowa 44-14 ✓ + F	Northwestern 43-6 ✓ + F	Illinois 35-17 ✓ + F	Michigan State 9-0 ✓ + U	Ohio State 0-13 + U	Indiana 38-35 ✓ + U
RHODE ISLAND 3-2-2 Kingston, R.I. 3-2-2	Temple 0-28 ★ U	Brown 9-10 ✓ U	Maine 14-21 ★ + U	Vermont 52-10 + F	Massachusetts 14-9 ✓ + U	Cortland St. ✓	N. Hampshire 6-27 ✓ + U	Boston Univ. 3-20 U	Connecticut 6-35 ★ + U	
RICE 0-0-1 Houston Tex. 3-7	V.M.I. ✓ ★ F	Louisiana State 7-21 ★ + U	California U		Southern Methodist 24-32 ★ + U	Texas 14-38 + U	Texas Tech 15-38 + U	Arkansas 21-46 ★ + U	Texas A&M 14-24 ★ + U	TCU 14-24 Baylor Nov. 29 7-16 ✓ + U
RICHMOND 7-3 Virginia 5-5	Miss. State U	V.M.I. 35-0 ✓ + F	Virginia Tech 18-31 ★ + U	Davidson 24-14 + F	East Carolina 31-7 ★ + F	Southern Miss. 33-7 F	Citadel 21-16 ✓ ★ + F	Furman 34-0 ✓ + F	West Virginia 0-17 ★ U	Wm. & Mary 31-61 + F
ROCHESTER 4-4 New York	Mount Union ★ 14-6	Hamilton 6-7 ✓ T	Williams 6-7 ✓ T	Union 7-21 ✓	Amherst 26-26 ✓ U	Alfred 33-0	St. Lawrence 37-7	Hobart	Allegheny 19-42 ✓ ★	
RUTGERS 8-2 New Brunswick, N.J. 6-3	Lafayette ✓ F	Princeton 37-7 ✓ F	Cornell 16-17 ✓ + U	Lehigh 29-26 ★ T	Navy ✓ ★ U	Columbia 28-17 ✓ + F	Delaware 23-14 U	Connecticut 27-15 F	Holy Cross 41-14 ✓ + F	Colgate 55-34 ✓ + F
SAMFORD Birmingham, Ala. 3-2	Troy State Sept. 13 31-49	Pensacola Navy		Livingston 16-22 *	Furman 17-12 ★ F	Mississippi College 41-0	Florence State 10-36 ★	Western Carolina ★ F	Appalachian ★ F	
SAN DIEGO STATE 9-0-1 California		Los Angeles State 37-14 ★ + F	San Jose State 48-6 + F	West Texas State ✓ U	Arlington 23-18 • T	Santa Barbara ★ + F	Fresno State 42-12 + F	Pacific U. of New Mexico State ★ U	No. Tex. St. Long Beach Nov. 29 ★ + F	
SAN JOSE STATE 3-7 California 3-7	Stanford 20-68 U	Utah • U	San Diego St. 6-48 ★ + U	Oregon ✓ U	Arizona State 0-66 ★ U	Wyoming U	New Mexico 55-24 ★ F	Brigham Young 25-21 T	California 0-46 U	Pacific U. of 0-28 ★ + U
SANTA BARBARA Calif. 4-4-1	Long Beach 42-21 ★ + U	Nevada (Reno) 13-17 ★ F	Whittier 59-14 • F	Pacific U. of 21-27 + • U	San Fernando ★ F	San Diego St. + • U	Santa Clara 35-14 ★ + F	Los Angeles ★ + F	Cal. Poly San Luis Obispo 14-24 U	Hawaii 49-14 • F
SOUTH CAROLINA 4-6 Columbia 7-3	Duke 7-14 ★ + F	North Carolina 32-27 ★ + F	Georgia 20-21 U	North Carolina State 12-36 ★ + U	Virginia Tech 6-17 ✓ U	Maryland 19-21 ★ + F	Florida State 28-35 U	Tennessee U	Wake Forest 34-21 ✓ + F	Clemson 7-3 ✓ + F
SOUTH DAKOTA UNIV. 9-1 Vermillion	Mankato Sept. 13 28-14	North Dakota Univ. 17-16 ★ + F	Montana (Great Falls) 21-0 • F	North Dakota State 13-35 + • U	Morningside 35-13 ★ + F	South Dakota State 55-32 + F	Northern Iowa 13-7 + F	Drake 49-28 ★ F	Augustana 33-14 ★ + F	Omaha U
SOUTH DAKOTA STATE 4-6 Brookings	Weber State Sept. 13 12-27	Morningside 43-14 + F	Drake 20-28 ★ U	Northern Iowa 10-38 ★ + U	North Dakota Univ. 16-21 + U	South Dakota Univ. 32-55 ★ + U	Youngstown 23-20 *	Augustana 47-27 + F	North Dakota State 3-21 ★ + U	Montana U
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 9-0-1 Los Angeles 9-0-1	Nebraska F	Northwestern 24-7 ★ F	Oregon State + F	Stanford 27-24 ★ + F	Notre Dame 21-21 T	Georgia Tech ★ F	California 35-17 + F	Washington State 14-7 ★ + F	Washington 14-7 ✓ + F	U.C.L.A. 28-16 ★ + F
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS 6-3 Carbondale	Louisville 10-33 • U	Youngstown 15-18	Tampa 23-20 ★ U	Lamar Tech 24-7 • F	Indiana State ★	East Carolina ★ U	Bradley	Ball State ★	Drake 21-20 ★ U	Southwest Missouri 68-6
SOUTHERN METHODIST 7-3 Dallas, Tex. 3-7	Air Force Sept. 13 Georgia Tech F	Michigan State U		Texas Christian 21-14 ★ + F	Rice 32-24 + F	Texas Tech 39-18 ★ + F	Texas 7-38 ★ + U	Texas A&M 36-23 + F	Arkansas 29-35 ★ + U	Baylor 33-17 + F
SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI 4-6 Hattiesburg 5-5	Southeast Louisiana 27-15 ★ F	Alabama 14-17 U	Idaho Oct. 3 (Mobile) • T	Mississippi State 47-14 F	Mississippi 13-21 U	Richmond 7-33 ★ U	Louisiana Tech 20-27 U	Memphis State 7-29 • U		East Carolina 65-0 West Tex. St. Nov. 29 ★ U
SPRINGFIELD Mass. 7-2	Cortland St. ★	Amherst 28-14 ★ T	Albright 30-7 •	Colby 48-7 ✓	Northeastern 7-10 ✓ F	American Int. 14-0 ★	Wagner 28-7	N. Hampshire 10-17 ★ U	Tufts 42-3 ★ U	
STANFORD Calif. 6-3-1 7-2-1	San Jose St. 68-20 ✓ F	Oregon 28-12 ★ + F	Purdue F	Southern California 24-27 + • F	Washington State 21-21 ✓ + F	U.C.L.A. 17-20 ★ + U	Oregon State 7-29 + F	Washington 35-20 ✓ + F	Air Force Academy 24-13 ✓ ★ T	California 20-0 ★ + F
SYRACUSE 6-4 New York 5-5	Iowa State ★ F	Kansas F	Wisconsin ✓ F	Maryland 32-14 ✓ F	Penn State 12-30 ★ U	Holy Cross 47-0 ★ F	Pittsburgh 50-17 F	Arizona ✓ ★ F	Navy 44-6 ✓ F	West Virginia 6-23 ★ F
TAMPA 7-3 Florida	Akron 24-9 • F	Parsons College ★ F	Southern Illinois 20-23 ✓ F	Tulsa ★ • F	Wisconsin State ★ •	Eastern Michigan 21-0	Quantico Marines ★ •		Northern Michigan 22-19 ★	Calif. State ★ F Florida A&M Nov. 29 ★ •
TEMPLE 4-6 Phila., Pa. 4-5-1	Rhode Island 28-0 ✓ F	Wm. & Mary ★ F	Wayne State 20-6 ★ •	Bucknell 26-29 T + F	Hofstra ✓	Delaware 20-12 ★ + F	Buffalo 40-50 U	Gettysburg 30-11 ★ + F	Northeastern 26-41 ✓ F	Boston Univ. 0-7 ★ F
TENNESSEE Knoxville 8-1-1 9-1	✓ ★ F	Auburn 14-28 ★ + F	Memphis State 24-17 • F	Georgia Tech 24-7 ★ F	Alabama (Birmingham) 10-9 + F			Georgia 17-17 + U	South Carolina ★ F	Kentucky 24-7 Vanderbilt Nov. 23 10-7 ★ + F
TEXAS 8-1-1 Austin 10-0	California F	Texas Tech 22-31 ★ + F	Navy ★ • F	Oklahoma (Dallas) 26-20 F			Rice 38-14 ★ + F	Southern Methodist 38-7 + F	Baylor 47-26 ★ + F	Texas A&M 27 Nov. 27 35-14 ★ + F
TEXAS A&M 3-7 College Station 3-7	Louisiana State 12-13 • U	Nebraska T	Army ✓ T	Texas Tech 16-21 + • U	Texas Christian 27-7 + F	Baylor 9-10 ✓ ★ + F	Arkansas 22-25 + U	Southern Methodist 23-36 ★ + U	Rice 24-14 + F	Texas Nov. 27 14-35 ★ + U
TEXAS CHRISTIAN Fort Worth 4-6	Purdue ★ U	Ohio State U	Arkansas (Little Rock) 7-17 + U	Southern Methodist 14-21 + • U	Texas A&M 7-27 ★ + U	Miami (Fla.) • U	Baylor 47-14 + F	Texas Tech 14-31 ★ + U	Texas 21-47 + U	Rice 24-14 ✓ + F
TEXAS TECH Lubbock 5-3-2 5-5	Kansas ✓ • T	Texas 31-22 + • U	Oklahoma State F	Texas A&M 21-18 ★ + F	Mississippi State 28-28 ★ + F	Southern Methodist 18-33 ✓ + U	Rice 38-15 ★ + F	Texas Christian 31-14 + F	Baylor 28-42 ★ + F	Arkansas Nov. 27 (Little Rock) 7-42 + U
TOLEDO 5-1-1 Ohio 9-1	Villanova 45-21 ✓ ★ F	Marshall 35-12 ✓ + F	Ohio Univ. 31-40 ★ + U	Bowling Green 0-0 ✓ + U	West Michigan 30-6 ✓ ★ + F	Kent State 28-12 ★ + • F	Miami (O.) 17-21 ✓ + U	No. Illinois 3-10 ✓ ★ F	Dayton 10-10 ✓ ★ F	Xavier (O.) 10-20 ✓ U
TRINITY COLLEGE 6-2 Hartford, Conn.		Williams 14-31 F	Bates 48-19	Rensselaer ★	Colby 35-6 ★	PMC College 45-7 ★	Coast Guard Academy 47-21 T	Amherst 3-31 U	Wesleyan 19-17 ★ F	

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TRINITY UNIV. 5-4 San Antonio, Tex.	Texas A&I 0-6 ★•U	Southwest Texas 13-12 •F	Davidson ★•F	Southeast Louisiana 3-7 •U		Arlington 14-27 ★•U	Texas Lutheran 41-21 ★F	Lamar Tech 24-20 +T	Abilene Christian 13-7 +U	Arkansas State 14-31 ★•U U. of Mexico Nov. 29 53-0 F
TUFTS 5-3 Medford, Mass.		Drexel Tech 28-7 ✓	Colby ★	Norwich	Wash. & Lee F	Williams 30-28 ★F	Amherst 6-42 ★U	Bowdoin 7-6 ★	Springfield 3-42 F	
TULANE 2-8 New Orleans, La. 3-7	Georgia U	West Virginia ★•T	Boston College 28-14 F	Florida (Tampa) 3-24 U	Pittsburgh ✓ T	Notre Dame ★•U	Vanderbilt 7-21 ★U	Georgia Tech 19-23 ★U	Virginia 47-63 ✓★F	Louisiana State 10-34 •U
TULSA 3-7 Oklahoma	Colorado U	Arkansas 13-56 U		Tampa •U	Florida State ★U	Cincinnati 34-27 ★+U	Memphis State 6-32 +U	Houston 6-100 ★U	North Texas State 17-20 +U	Wichita 23-7 +U Louisville Nov. 27 7-16 ★+U
U.C.L.A. 3-7 Los Angeles, Calif. 8-1-1	Oregon State Sept. 13 21-45 ★•F Pittsburgh 63-7 ★•F	Wisconsin F	Northwestern F	Washington State 31-21 +F	California 15-39 ★+F	Stanford 20-17 +F	Washington 0-6 ★+F		Oregon +F	Southern California 16-28 +U
UTAH 3-7 Salt Lake City 3-1	Oregon 6-14 ★U	San Jose State ✓★F	El Paso ✓ +F	Arizona State 21-59 ★•U	New Mexico 30-7 +F	Oregon State (Portland) 21-24 •U	Utah State 13-28 ★U	Wyoming 9-20 ★+U	Arizona 15-16 +F	Brlg. Young 30-21 ✓+F
UTAH STATE 7-3 Logan 3-7	Wichita Sept. 13 38-0 Bowling Green F	Pacific U. of 7-18 ★F		Colorado State Univ. ★F	Army U	Memphis State ★T	Utah 28-13 F	Air Force U	Brigham Young 34-8 ★F	Idaho F
VANDERBILT 5-4-1 Nashville, Tenn. 4-6	Michigan U	Army 17-13 ★•T	North Carolina F	Alabama 7-31 ★•U	Georgia 6-32 ★•U	Florida 14-14 +F	Tulane 21-7 F	Kentucky 6-0 ★+F		Davidson 53-20 ✓★F Tennessee Nov. 29 7-10 +U
VERMONT 3-6 Burlington 3-6	Connecticut 0-21 ★•U	Boston Univ. U	Northeastern ✓★F	Rhode Island 10-52 ✓★U	N. Hampshire 12-10 ✓★U	Wilkes 9-31	Massachusetts 0-49 +U	Lafayette ★U	Maine 0-28 ★•U	
VILLANOVA 6-4 Pennsylvania 6-3	West Chester Sept. 13 63-3 ✓★F Toledo 21-45 •U	Delaware 16-0 U	Santa Clara ✓★F		Boston College 15-28 U	Xavier (O.) 21-10 F	Holy Cross U	Dayton ★F	William & Mary 12-33 +F	Buffalo 28-7 ★F
VIRGINIA 7-3 Charlottesville 3-7	Clemson ★•U	Duke 50-20 ★•U	William & Mary ✓ F	V.M.I. (Richmond) 47-0 ✓ F	North Carolina State 0-19 ★•U	Navy 24-0 T	North Carolina 41-6 ★•U	Wake Forest ★•U	Tulane 63-47	Maryland 28-23 +F
VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE 0-10 Lexington 1-9	Rice U	Richmond 0-35 ★•U	West Virginia U	Virginia (Richmond) 0-47 U	Citadel 8-13 ★•U	William & Mary 10-20 +U	Davidson 21-17 +U	North Carolina U	Boston College 13-45 U	Virginia Tech (Roanoke) Nov. 27 6-55 U
VIRGINIA TECH 7-3 Blacksburg 4-5-1	Alabama U	Wake Forest 7-6 •F	Richmond 31-18 •F	Kentucky ★F	South Carolina 17-8 ★F	Buffalo F	William & Mary (Roanoke) 12-0 ✓ F	Florida State 40-22 ★U	Duke (Norfolk) ✓ F	V.M.I. Nov. 27 55-6 ✓ F
WAKE FOREST 2-7-1 Winston-Salem, N.C. 3-7	N.C. State Sept. 13 6-10 +U	Virginia Tech 6-7 ★•U	Maryland 38-14 ★•F	Duke 3-18 ★•U	Clemson 20-20 +U	North Carolina 48-31 +U		Virginia +F	South Carolina 21-34 ★•U	Miami (Fla.) Nov. 21 •U
WASHINGTON 2-5-2 Seattle 1-1	Michigan State U	Michigan T	Ohio State ★U	California 7-7 +U	Oregon State 21-35 ★•U	Oregon 0-3 +F	U.C.L.A. 6-0 +U	Stanford 20-35 ★•U	Southern California 7-14 ★•U	Washington State 0-24 ✓★F
WASHINGTON STATE 2-6-1 Pullman 1-9	Illinois ✓ T	Iowa U	Oregon 13-27 ★•U	U.C.L.A. 21-31 ★•U	Stanford 21-21 +U	California ★•U	Pacific U. of ★F	Southern California +U	Oregon State 8-16 +U	Washington 24-0 +U
WEBER STATE 7-2 Ogden, Utah	So. Dak. St. Sept. 13 27-12 ★•F East. Wash. ★•	Northern Michigan ★•	Montana 20-16 ★•F	North Texas State T	Montana State 20-14 +F	Idaho State 23-16 +F	Northern Arizona 21-14 *	Idaho 42-50 ★•U	Parsons F	
WESLEYAN 5-3 Middleton, Conn.	Middlebury 42-40 ✓★	Bowdoin 27-14 ✓	Coast Guard 23-26 ★U	Worcester 29-0 ✓	Amherst 13-58 ✓+U	Hamilton 10-8 ✓★	Williams 26-24 ✓+F	Trinity 17-19 ✓ U		
WESTERN 7-2-1 KENTUCKY Bowling Green	Indiana State ★F	Austin Peay 42-0 +•F	Eastern Tennessee 23-0 ★+F	Northern Illinois •F	Tennessee Tech 13-0 ★+F	Eastern Kentucky 7-16 +F	Morehead 24-21 ★+F	Middle Tennessee 43-2 +F	Akron 14-14 F	Murray State 14-17 ★+F
WESTERN MICHIGAN 3-6 Kalamazoo 5-5	Cent. Mich. Sept. 13 ✓	Miami (O.) 0-28 ★•U	Bowling Green 10-17 +U	Kent State 14-0 ★+F	Toledo 6-30 +U	Marshall 40-12 ★+F	Ohio Univ. 27-34 +U	West Texas State 36-53 ★U	Northern Illinois U	
WEST TEXAS STATE 8-2 Canyon	Northern Arizona ★•	Northern Illinois ★•F	Wichita 28-0 ✓ F	San Diego State ★•F	Colorado State Univ. 22-17 F	New Mexico State 23-24 ✓★F	Arlington 41-0 •F	Western Michigan 53-36 ✓ F	Bowling Green ★U	So.ern Miss. Nov. 29 •F
WEST VIRGINIA 7-3 Morgantown 9-1	Cincinnati Sept. 13 ✓★	Tulane ✓	V.M.I. 14-7 ★F	Penn State 20-31 U		Pittsburgh 38-15 ★U	Kentucky 16-35 U	William & Mary 20-0 ✓ F	Richmond 17-0 ✓ F	Syracuse 23-6 ✓ U
WICHITA 0-10 Kansas 2-8	Utah State Sept. 13 ✓★ 0-38 +U	Colorado State Univ. 15-37 U	West Texas State 0-26 •U	New Mexico State 21-47 •U	Cincinnati 27-40 +•U	Arkansas (Little Rock) U		North Texas State 6-44 +U	Louisville 14-21 +U	Tulsa 7-23 ★+F
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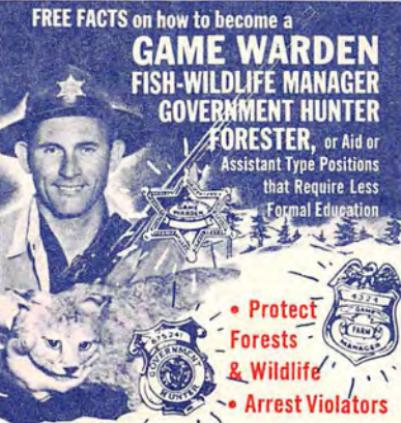
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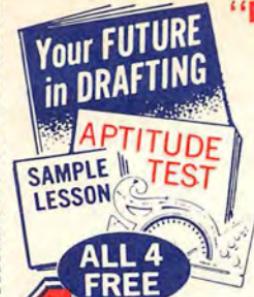
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